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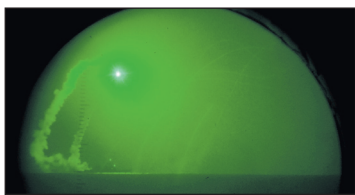


Gary Woodland celebrates his putt on the 18th green on his way to winning the Transitions Championship golf tournament Sunday, March 20, 2011, in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Associated Press

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### Airstrikes on Libya



By KAREEM FAHIM

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BENGHAZI, Libya – The attack seemed to have come out of clear skies onto a field of wildflowers.

Littered across the landscape, some 30 miles south of Benghazi, the detritus of the allied airstrikes on Saturday and Sunday morning offered a panorama of destruction: tanks, charred and battered, their turrets blasted clean off, one with a body still caught in its remnants; a small Toyota truck with its roof torn away; a tank transporter still on fire. But it did not end there.

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### HOMELESS AND MISSING



Members of the Japanese Defense Force carry the body of a victim from last week's tsunami through the remains of Nobiru station in Miyagi, Japan, Monday, March 14, 2011. The tsunami that barreled into northeast Japan on Friday was so murderous and efficient that not much was left when search-and-rescue teams finally reached the area.

(Shiho Fukada/The International Herald Tribune)

## 10,000 lost to sea, 350,000 homeless

**NATORI, Japan** – What the sea so violently ripped away, it has now begun to return. Hundreds of bodies are washing up along some shores in northeastern Japan, making clearer the extraordinary toll of the earthquake and tsunami that struck last week and adding to the burdens of relief workers as they ferry aid and search for survivors.

On Monday, various reports from police officials and news agencies said that as many as 2,000 bodies had washed ashore along the coastline, overwhelming the capacity of local officials to deal with what Prime Minister Naoto Kan described as Japan's worst crisis since World War II. About 350,000 people have reportedly been left homeless and are staying in shelters, anxiously awaiting news of friends and relatives among the many thousands who remain unaccounted for.

The national police said early Tuesday that more than 15,000 were missing, although just 2,414 deaths had been confirmed since the quake, which the U.S. Geological Survey revised to a magnitude of 9.0, from 8.9, on Monday.

With police officials estimating that 10,000 people may have been swept away in one town alone, Minamisanriku, north of here, there was every expectation that the toll would rise.

The disruptions to Japan's \$5 trillion economy, the third-largest in the world, and collective anxiety over the stricken reactors caused a rout in the Japanese stock market that reverberated across the region on Tuesday.

A steep decline in the Japanese stock market, which lost 13 percent by midday Tuesday, sent other Asian markets tumbling. The Bank of Japan, which injected

a record \$183.8 billion into the economy on Monday to maintain liquidity, poured in tens of billions of dollars more on Tuesday, which failed to halt the slide.

Here in Natori, where some of the first pictures of the tsunami showed a towering initial wave lashing a line of trees, all that remains along the coast is a field of black mud.

Brightly clad searchers bent to their work Monday – the police in navy blue, the handlers of sniffer dogs in orange, the military squads in camouflage.

They made their way around marooned boats and collapsed houses, finding toys, torn bedding, tangled fishing nets and pieces of cars, toilets or pottery, all the mundane pieces of daily life, now broken. Occasionally, too, they found a body, sometimes already covered by a tarp.

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## AIRSTRIKES

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For miles leading south, the roadsides were littered with burned trucks and burned civilian cars.

In some places battle tanks had simply been abandoned, intact, as their crews fled.

One thing, though, seemed evident: the units closest to Benghazi seemed to have been hit with their cannons and machine guns still pointing toward the rebel capital.

To the south, though, many had been hit as they headed away from the city in a headlong dash for escape on the long road leading to a distant Tripoli.

"They were retreating," said Col. Abdullah al-Shafi, an officer in the rebel forces, which had clamored desperately for the allied air help that arrived Saturday.

"Soldiers had taken civilians' cars and fled. They were ditching their fatigues."

Among it all, across an area the size of four football fields dotted with trees and white and yellow flowers, hundreds of Libyans solemnly picked through the debris Sunday, gazing at the results of a last battle in Moammar Gadhafi's assault on Benghazi, the de facto rebel capital.

At one point, the onlookers carefully extricated the body of a soldier from the remnants of a tank, turned to cinder like five more bodies, unrecognizable on the roadside.

From the debris it was not possible to piece together the full details of the final battle, and some questions hung over the carnage: had Libyan insurgents pinned down the loyalist fighters in some places, as some of them claimed in news reports, or was the damage exclusively the result of allied airstrikes?

At least part of the answer was evident overhead, where jets could be seen across the region — some circling nearby, some screaming through on their way to somewhere else. □



A cargo ship rests on a street where it was deposited by last week's tsunami in Kesennuma, Japan, on Tuesday. The death toll is presumed high in this petite coastal city of 75,000, where life was centered on a slender, pine-fringed Pacific Ocean inlet that supports fishing, shipping and tourism.

(Shiho Fukada/The International Herald Tribune)

## JAPAN

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The region continues to face widespread power and water outages. When relief supplies do come, residents clamor for help.

At Natori City Hall, survivors quickly lined up at a truck

handing out large containers of water. Lines of nearly a mile formed in front stations providing gasoline.

At City Hall, officials in this town of 70,000 residents have posted a list of the 8,340 people who arrived safely at 41 makeshift shelters. Dozens

of people crammed into the building's small lobby to pore over the lists.

Those who could not find the name they sought wrote out messages on pieces of paper and taped them to the entrance. Hundreds of pieces hung there.

Mikako Watanabe, 26, and Yumiko Watanabe, 24, were looking for their mother. They were at work when the tsunami struck, but their mother was napping at home in the Yuriage neighborhood, as she always did after her night shift as a nurse.

"I hope she woke up with the earthquake and got to safety in time," the older sister said. "We have no way to contact her."

On Monday, three days after the tsunami, they still had no word of her. Their message said, "Yurika Watanabe, we're looking for you. Contact us if you see this."

But communications are badly broken. With cell phone service largely knocked out, many residents. □



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American Muslims

## Islam is all-American for one U.S. Muslim leader

By Wendell Marsh  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Al Azhar, the centuries-old center of Islamic learning in Cairo, is a world away from Oklahoma City where William Suhaib Webb grew up. But it was not until the American Muslim leader immersed himself in Islamic studies at Al Azhar that he realized just how American he was, regardless of his religion. “I didn’t really have enough comfort as a young convert to really be who I was. I adopted different cultural constructs that I had not grown up with,” he told AP in a telephone interview from Santa Clara, California, where he is an imam at a mosque and runs a website aimed at Muslim youth. Named in 2010 by an Islamic think-tank as one of the 500 “Most Influential Muslims in the World” for his work with youth over the last decade, Webb is now arguably the kind of moderate Islamic leader Congressman Peter King said the country needs when he chaired hearings on Muslim militancy this month. □

## Synthetic drug, subject of proposed bans, kills teen

CHICAGO — Amid efforts by authorities to stop the use of illegal synthetic drugs, revelers at a spring break party in a Minneapolis suburb overdosed this week on the risky substances, leaving one dead, officials said on Saturday. Ten other people were hospitalized and Timothy Richard Lamere, 21, of Blaine, Minn. is likely to face murder charges for allegedly providing the synthetic hallucinogenic drug 2C-I, said Anoka County, Minn. Police Detective Larry Johnson. Minnesota lawmakers have been seeking a ban on chemicals used in common synthetic drugs, based upon legislation approved by the House last month. Two days ago, Iowa Rep. Sen. Charles Grassley proposed a



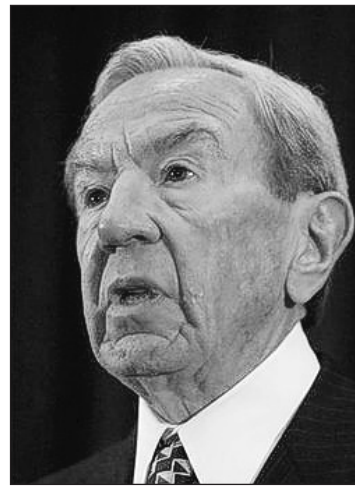
Drug addict

similar ban on chemicals used in such synthetic drugs such as Spice and K2 synthetic marijuana. At the Minnesota party, Trevor Robinson, 19, the father of a five-month-old infant, died of an overdose and ten other people ages 16 to 22 were hospitalized, Johnson said. Charges of third-degree murder were likely to be filed against Lamere Johnson said.

## Warren Christopher, U.S. negotiator, dies at 85

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who helped bring peace to Bosnia and negotiated the release of American hostages in Iran, died in California at age 85. Christopher “passed away peacefully, surrounded by family at his home in Los Angeles” late on Friday of complications from kidney and bladder cancer, his family said in a statement.

As the top U.S. statesman under President Bill Clinton from 1993 to 1997, Christopher was a behind-the-scenes negotiator. Often called the “stealth” secretary of state, he was known for his understated, self-effacing manner. “As President Clinton’s Secretary of State, he was a resolute pursuer of peace,” President Barack Obama said on Saturday. “Warren Christopher was a skillful diplomat, a steadfast public servant, and a faithful American.” Christopher said that as a diplomat, careful listening was his secret weapon. “I observed some time ago that I was better at listening than at talking,” The New York Times quoted him as saying



Former Secretary of State  
Warren Christopher

in a 1981 speech when he was deputy secretary of state. That secret weapon helped Christopher weather diplomatic crises and bring enemies together. In 1995, he intervened during the crucial final days of the U.S.-brokered Bosnian peace

talks at Dayton, Ohio. He had an important role in closing the deal, according to his deputy, Richard Holbrooke, the force behind the agreement. Christopher not only spoke the language of diplomacy, he dressed the part. Favoring elegant, tailored suits, he was once named one of the best dressed men in America by People magazine for his “diplomatically dapper” style. As secretary of state, Christopher devoted much of his time to the Middle East. He made at least 18 trips to the region in pursuit of peace and a ceasefire in southern Lebanon between Israel and the pro-Iranian Islamic group Hezbollah. In 1994 he witnessed the signing of a peace treaty between Jordan and Israel. □

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## 2 Bush officials in running to be next head of FBI

By PETE YOST  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** – Two officials who worked for President George W. Bush, including one who threatened to resign to block legally questionable anti-terror surveillance, have a realistic chance of being asked to head the FBI, according to people familiar with the search.

James Comey and Kenneth Wainstein served in sensitive national security-related posts at the Justice Department in the Bush administration. That could make for interesting confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee if President Barack Obama selects either to succeed FBI Director Robert Mueller. His 10-year, nonrenewable term expires Sept. 4.

Their service as political appointees under a Republican president is a key factor in explaining the rise of Comey and Wainstein in the search. The Obama administration faces an expanded Republican



Possible successors to FBI Director Robert Mueller

minority in the Senate with the votes to seriously complicate the confirmation prospects of any nominee who draws their united opposition. On the other hand, Comey be-

came a hero to Democratic opponents of Bush's warrantless wiretapping when Comey refused for a time to reauthorize it. Bush revised the surveillance program when confront-

ed with the threat of resignation by Comey and Mueller. Comey also was deputy attorney general in 2005 when he unsuccessfully tried to limit tough interrogation tactics

against suspected terrorists. He told Attorney General Alberto Gonzales that some of the practices were wrong and would damage the department's reputation.

Some Democrats denounced those methods as torture, particularly the use of waterboarding which produces the same sensation as drowning. Wainstein was working for Mueller at the FBI when bureau agents at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, objected to abusive interrogation techniques employed by the military and when Mueller decided FBI agents could not participate in interviews involving these techniques.

But there is nothing in the public record to indicate Wainstein was drawn into the internal Bush administration debates over anti-terrorism interrogation tactics or surveillance.

A Senate confirmation hearing would surely probe his role and views on these events.

Other names have surfaced. □

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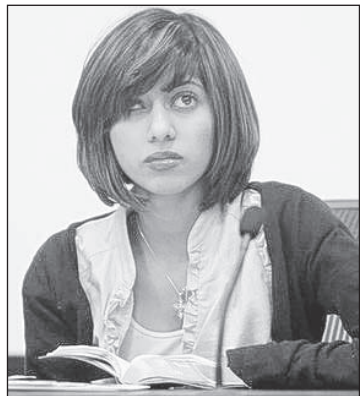


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# Ohio police say runaway's helpers broke state laws



Rifqa Bary

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS,

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — Police recommended charges against six of the people who helped a teenage Christian convert run away from her Muslim parents in Ohio in 2009, an investigation by The Associated Press has found. But prosecutors in Ohio and Florida have declined to file charges against anyone who helped 16-year-old Rifqa Bary leave Columbus on a Greyhound bus and shelter her for two weeks in Orlando without notifying authorities, according to police reports obtained by the AP through freedom of information requests. The six include

a Kansas City minister, a Columbus family friend, an Orlando pastor and his wife and two members of the pastor's church.

A lawyer for Bary, now an adult, says prosecutors made the right choice.

"They'd have a very difficult time with any of those charges, given that Rifqa would say she was in fear for her life, and so they acted in what they thought were in her best interests," said Kort Gatterdam, a Columbus attorney who has represented her in juvenile custody hearings.

Bary's case resonated nationally at a time of tense Muslim-Christian relations in the U.S. that included one pastor's threat to burn a copy of the Quran.

One of Rifqa's primary supporters is a blogger who a year later led a campaign against the development of an Islamic center in New York City near ground zero.

Christians who supported Bary rallied outside the county courthouse during one hearing. □

# NY sting puts 14 tour buses off road

By MICHAEL GORMLEY, Associated Press

**ALBANY, N.Y.** — A sting operation by New York state transportation investigators and law enforcement a week after a horrific fatal tour bus crash included a single stop in Manhattan in which all 14 tour buses pulled over were ordered off the road, state officials said Saturday.

State investigators reported nine "major issues" Friday night with the drivers, including lack of an updated log book required to show how long a driver has been behind the wheel, an official familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press.

The state Department of Transportation investigators



Victim's family members

found 10 major vehicle issues and 40 minor infractions, the official said.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the continuing sting operation involving police statewide. Gov. An-

drew Cuomo directed the operation at DOT checkpoints as part of his order to investigate the Bronx crash of the tour bus, which was serving casino customers, while stepping up enforcement of all tour buses statewide. □

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## San Francisco tries get tough approach with the homeless



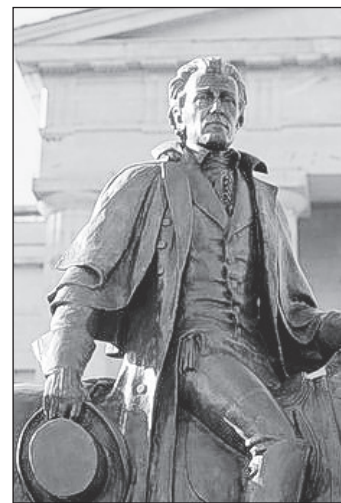
Homeless in S.F.

By Gabrielle Saveri AP  
**SAN FRANCISCO** – San Francisco prides itself on helping the homeless, and it even created a special committee for grievances from those kicked out of shelters. But this month, it began a new experiment that treats the homeless more harshly than the city's other policies. After lengthy training, police began enforcing an ordinance that bans sitting or lying on sidewalks during daytime hours. The measure, which was approved by 54 percent of city voters in November, has drawn criticism from homeless groups and the down-and-out themselves. The new approach comes at a time when the city is working to bolster tourism and local businesses in a tough economy. Many residents have welcomed the ordinance, which

was spearheaded by a neighborhood group from 1960s counterculture haven Haight-Ashbury. And police say enforcement is still driven by compassion. "When you see people down on their luck, you're not trying to put them in jail you're trying to get them what they need," said San Francisco Police spokesman Troy Dangerfield. But while Dangerfield said the goal is not to issue citations, police say they have given more than 45 warnings to homeless people since they began enforcement on March 11. There is some bite to the so-called Sit-Lie ordinance, which applies from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. First-time offenders receive a verbal warning, while second-time violators can be cited and fined \$50 to \$100. □

## Andrew Jackson's historic dueling pistol up for sale

**CHARLESTON,** South Carolina – Among the Oriental rugs and fine furniture at the annual Charleston International Antiques Show this weekend is President Andrew Jackson's dueling pistol, priced at \$65,000. "It's this one here on top, the really ugly one," said antiques dealer Chris Mitchell of Arms & Militaria in Point Clear, Alabama, pointing to the long-barreled pistol. The gun has Jackson's name engraved in a gold inset on the top of its handle. The hot-tempered Jackson, who was the seventh president, serving from 1829 to 1837, fought a dozen or more duels.



Statue of President Andrew Jackson

"He was a violent person," Mitchell said. In one duel in 1806, Jackson allowed Charles Dickinson to fire first,

and Dickinson hit Jackson in the chest before Jackson took aim and killed him. The lead ball in Jackson's chest could not be removed. "He let the other guy shoot first and lived the rest of his life with a bullet in his chest," Mitchell said. Mitchell deals in swords, guns, buckles, buttons and flags from the American Revolution and Civil War. "These are not the kinds of things people throw away, he said. "There's a story to them, or at least people envision one." South Carolina and North Carolina dispute where, exactly, Jackson was born. □

## Miniature train derails at park Killing 6-year-old child

**CHARLESTON,** South Carolina– A miniature train at a South Carolina park derailed and overturned on Saturday, killing a 6-year-old child and injuring at least 18 other people, authorities said. The train at Cleveland Park in Spartanburg had 28 people on board when it derailed just after 1 p.m., said Spartanburg Police Captain Art Littlejohn. "The train derailed and came off the tracks," he said. "It overturned, and the people were thrown from the train."



Miniature train

A 6-year-old child was killed, he said. Initial accounts of how many people were injured remained unclear. Littlejohn said 15

children were taken by ambulance to hospitals and two more were airlifted by helicopter. Two adults also were hospitalized, he said. □

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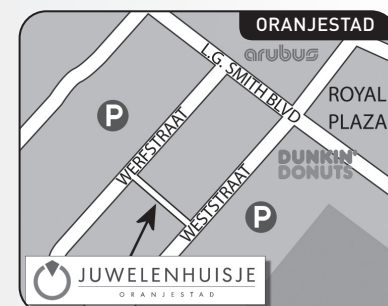
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The second annual Kiwanis tournament featured three sets

of winners and a surprise Hole In One by veteran golfer Willem van Elderen. While annually the golf course offers a fancy new car as a tournament prize for the golfer landing the ball into the cup on a designated hole of over 152 yards in just one shot, this year, a new Harley Davidson Soft Tail Heritage Classic 2011 was offered by the local Big Twin dealership owned

by Humphrey Hardefeld. Willem reports he shot his regular swing on hole #7, using a 6 iron, then the ball rolled a bit and disappeared, making Willem the proud owner of the legendary motorbike. His colleagues congratulated him warmly and enthusiastically. The seventy-two year old golfer is recuperating from a health challenge, and on his first golf outing, landed the grand prize.

Despite of a small rain shower during the award-ceremony the tournament was a lot of fun. First prize winners a father and son team from Minnesota, Mike & Mick, second place winners Tony & Hubert from Aruba, and third place winners Rafael & Jan, also from Aruba, received trophies and gifts courtesy of Manrique Capriles and Neutrogena sun protection products. More winners included Harold Hagens closest to the pin



and Jacob McKenzie longest drive. Additional funds were collected from an auction offered by Divi's managing Director Alex Nieuwmeier, of a Pendulin Putter, and Van Elderen showed his gratitude to the tournament by writing a personal check of Awg 1,000 to the Kiwanis.

GianAnthonio Muller and Aldrick Tromp thanked golfers and sponsors on behalf of the Kiwanis and presented Respeto Me Foundation, a not for profit local organization

dedicated to the prevention of child abuse with a partial check, with more funds coming at the conclusion of the tournament.

Pictured here Managing Director Alex Nieuwmeier, as the emcee of the Award Ceremony with the winners, he was assisted by Tabitha Fecunda, Island Marketing & Promotion Manager, Divi Links. Nieuwmeier reports that van Elderen won the first tournament hole in one, since 1995. □

## Radisson donates to Imeldahof

**PALM BEACH** – When Fernando Eduardo, the Assistant Controller at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa went on pension, he graciously decided to give up his retirement farewell party, in favor of a donation to Aruba Kinderhuis Imeldahof. Pictured here the representative of Imeldahof, Dominico Semeleer, as he picks up the check resulting from Fernando Eduardo's extremely generous gesture.

He is flanked by General Manager Rob Smith, Director of Human Resources Glenn Farro and HR Manager Angelique Croes.

Imeldahof Children's Home is a private foundation, in Noord, adjacent to the Santa Anna church, capable of tak-



ing in up to 52 children. While the home does receive minimal support from the government, the majority of its many needs must be met

by donations and Imeldahof is dependent on the community's generosity and willingness to help, just the way Fernando Eduardo did. □



# Anniversaries celebrated at the Renaissance Resort



**ORANJESTAD** - General Manager Paul Gielen helped celebrate anniversaries at the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino. The celebration during lunch at the Convention Center was emceed by Irma Wilson and included a great number of resort associates

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M. Rincon, Kitchen, Ygnacia Mariano, Kitchen, Esperanza Gomez-Ramirez, Kitchen, Examene Dorismond, Steward, and Airtan Campo, Kitchen. Celebrating ten years, Sue Ann Liao-Jen, Human Resources, and Merly Scholder, Blue Bar. Remembering fifteen years Ana Hernandez, Kitchen, Luciana Dossous, Cafeteria, Arelis Tavarez, Kitchen and General Manager Paul Gielen, who was presented with his engraved commemorative plaque by shareholder Frida Croes.

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- 2) Edith Henriquez / Sheila Lampe 58.33 % winner of a breakfast for two at Matthew's
- 3) Kathy Rasenberger / George Manning 55.42 %
- 4) Ineke Jobse / Annette Ybeles 53.82 %
- 5) Geke In 'Veld/ Wim Pennings 53.75 %
- 6) Marleen van Baarlen / Els Lacle 50.35 %

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# Excelsior's winner's circle



PALM BEACH - Tourist and locals enjoy very much Aruba's Hymn and Flag Day at Excelsior Casino, entertainment by Tino Ruiz!! Lots of guests won jackpots and at the tables. Stay tuned for upcoming events and great prizes at Excelsior Casino!!□



## Highlights of Consolidated Financial Position Maduro & Curiel's Bank N.V.

Thanks to the great work of our 1473 colleagues and friends and to our growing circle of customers, 2010 was a good year for our bank. In 2010 our Kingdom went through a restructuring process and the growth in the markets we serviced was modest. Our balance sheet passed the NAf. 6 billion mark for the first time and our shareholders equity surpassed the NAf. 500 million mark, also for the first time. Both our bank's Loans and Advances portfolio and our net profit showed a healthy growth in 2010. We are confident that our Group is well positioned for any challenge we may encounter in 2011 and beyond and we believe that "together we make our future".

The financial highlights in amounts (NAf.) representing fifteen local and international companies

	2010	2009
Total Assets	6,034,658,000	5,843,210,000
Total Customers' Deposits	5,192,685,000	5,117,338,000
Total Loans and Advances	3,400,740,000	3,173,009,000
Capital Funds/Shareholders Equity	535,283,000	491,182,000
Investment revenue	15,948,000	11,092,000
Net result after tax	135,043,000	119,136,000

The financial highlights in percentages (%)

Growth in Total Assets	3.3%
Growth in Total Customers' Deposits	1.5%
Growth in Loans and Advances	7.2%
Growth in Net Profit, incl. Investment revenue	13%
Growth in Net Profit, excl. Investment revenue	10%

Other key data of the MCB Group	2010	2009
Staff	1473	1469
Offices	50	50
Bankomatiko ATMs	150	145
POS Terminals	6,982	6,345
Client accounts	557,057	532,004



### INCOME STATEMENT

- The income presented in our financial statements is derived from both the onshore and international activities of the MCB Group. This income is well diversified.
- The Group's net result after taxes, but before the transfer to the Reserve for General Banking Risks, increased with nearly 16 million or 13% to NAf. 135 million. This increase in profit was partly also due to extraordinary proceeds from the sale of available-for-sale securities.
- Excluding this extraordinary profit, MCB Group's Net result after taxes increased with a healthy 10% or NAf. 11 million.
- The increase in net impairment losses on loans and advances reflects the increase in provisions for three specific commercial loans plus an adjustment to credit card provisioning which results in a more conservative approach for such provisions. It was very satisfying that all our markets contributed to this increase in profits.

### BALANCE SHEET AND EQUITY

- MCB Group's total assets increased with NAf. 191 million or 3% and for the first time passed the 6 billion guilder mark at NAf. 6,034 million.
- Net loans and advances to customers increased by 7% with 228 million guilders to NAf. 3,401 million. Despite this substantial growth in loans, the gross interest income decreased 1%, because of a decrease in the interest rates in our markets.
- Our shareholders' equity was strengthened considerably with NAf. 44 million, surpassing the NAf. 500 million mark for the first time. Excluding minority interest, total

Stockholders' equity ended the year at NAf. 535 million. This strong capitalization continues to represent a key strength of our Group and one that our community, our clients and our staff can rely and count on.

### LOANS

- In Curaçao, during 2010, the bank put extra emphasis and commitment to the small business sectors and our Small Business Unit approved nearly 500 small business loan requests, and our micro-finance department extended 96 Granito loans.
- Since inception at the end of 2006, MCB has granted more than 450 micro-finance loans.
- We were pleased that the Innovation Center Curaçao recognized the significant contributions by our Small Business Unit and awarded it the 2010 Innovation Prize for the greatest economic contribution.

### TAXES

- MCB Group's profit tax obligation resulting from our operations in 2010 is NAf. 31 million, while the group also paid NAf 3.2 million in turnover taxes. Our employees paid wage taxes amounting to NAf. 32 million.
- In 2010 MCB collected and paid NAf. 46 million in license fees for Curaçao, St. Maarten and Bonaire. In Aruba, Caribbean Mercantile Bank collected AWG 10 million in exchange tax which it paid to the Central Bank of Aruba for the Government of Aruba.

### EMPLOYMENT

- MCB Group employed 1473 persons in the different countries and islands at the end of 2010.

- During the year, MCB Group paid its employees NAf. 176 million total salaries and employee benefits.

### COMMUNITY

- On Curaçao alone we contributed with nearly 4500 donations or almost NAf. 3 million to support the important work and activities from cultural, social, religious, sport and educational organizations benefiting the youth, neighborhoods and different charitable institutions.
- We are especially proud of our donation of NAf. 500 thousand for the relief of the unprecedented damage caused by the flooding that followed tropical storm Tomás in Curaçao and our NAf. 100 thousand contribution for Haiti following the devastating earthquake early in the year.
- In the second week of December, we celebrated our 6th "Siman di Kurason Positivo" in Curaçao where by many of our employees voluntarily provided direct social assistance to less fortunate individuals in our society.

2010 was a year that was not short on events or accomplishments. With new members of our Management and Supervisory Boards, we look forward to new ways of doing business, to new services and new products, and to new ways of engaging our staff. In this, we know that we can count on our Regulators, our Shareholders, our Supervisory Directors and our Employees. We are grateful for the support we enjoyed in 2010 and surely will enjoy in 2011. Perhaps even more importantly, we are confident that the peoples of our six islands also know that "Together we make our future", and we look forward to doing so in the years ahead.

For the full Consolidated Financial Highlights for the financial year 2010, the Explanatory Notes to the Consolidated Financial Highlights, and the Auditors' Report thereto from KPMG Accountants B.V., please write to Annual Report 2010, P.O.Box 305, Curaçao, for a free copy of our 2010 Annual Report or visit our website [www.mcb-bank.com](http://www.mcb-bank.com).



# Crystal & Seaport Casinos host quarterly anniversary lunch



**ORANJESTAD** – Casino manager Edgard Roos was proud to introduce team members of the Crystal & Seaport Casinos celebrating long term careers in hospitality to a large audience at the Renaissance Convention Center.

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Operations, Jorge Kock, Host, Lidia Paesch, Seaport Cage, Jeffrey Angela, Crystal Cage, and Lucas Croes, Crystal Security.

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The anniversary celebration at the Renaissance Convention Center was combined with elegant buffet and included the awards of the fourth quarter and the annual award. □

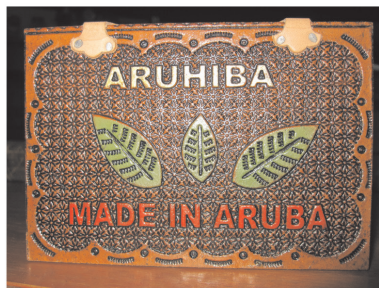
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he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is specially designed for the cigars with the logo "Aruhiba". Petrocchi considers Aruhiba a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars. The company sells International cigars as well. Buy a gift box of Aruhiba Corona with five



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## American Indian youth suicide crisis baffles



Darrell Follette, and Ida Follette

By MATT VOLZ,  
POPLAR, Mont. — Chelle Rose Follette fashioned a noose with her pajamas, tying one end to a closet rod and the other around her neck. When her mother entered the bedroom to put away laundry, she found the 13-year-old hanging. Ida Follette screamed for her husband, Darrell. He lifted his child's body, rushed her to the bed and tried to bring her back. "She was so light, she was so light. And I put her down. I said, 'No, Chelle!'" But the time had passed for CPR, he said, his voice fading with still raw grief. His wife sat next to him on the couch, sobbing at the retelling. Here on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, a spasm of youth suicides had caused alarm and confusion even before Chelle's death. The Follettes had talked with her about other local children who had killed themselves. She had assured her parents that they need not worry about her. "She always promised that," said Ida as the half-light of the winter afternoon created shadows in the sparsely furnished home. "She said, 'What's going on with these kids, are

they stupid or what?'"

Earlier that day last April, Chelle and a friend got drunk after school. Police later told her parents that her blood-alcohol content was .217, nearly three times the legal limit. Chelle argued with her parents when she came home. They ordered her to lie down, to cool off, to sober up. The Follettes say Chelle was a happy teen who had been looking forward to her 14th birthday the following week. □

## Trauma stalks children of Japan tsunami

by Hiroshi Hiyama AP

**KESENUMA, Japan** — The horror of Japan's tsunami has raised concerns over the long-term impact on children, some of whom are already displaying signs of trauma, from screaming nightmares to silent withdrawal.

According to the charity Save the Children, around 100,000 children were displaced by what has become Japan's worst natural disaster since 1923, with nearly 20,000 people dead or missing.

The potential for lasting trauma is compounded by the unusual multiple nature of the event: a massive 9.0 earthquake, a devastating tsunami and a nationwide scare over a possible meltdown at a nuclear plant.

Experts say the scale of the loss and disruption for some children would have been almost inconceivable: homes destroyed, friends disappeared, one or both parents maybe killed, or siblings and other close family members missing.



Child stands as they check message board

Initial efforts to help them come to terms with the tragedy can only be made in extremely stressful circumstances, with families packed into ill-equipped evacuation shelters, suffering bitterly cold nights and frequent terrifying aftershocks.

"We found children in desperate conditions, huddling

around kerosene lamps and wrapped in blankets," said Save the Children spokesman Ian Woolverton, who visited a number of evacuation centres in the coastal regions of northeast Japan that bore the brunt of the March 11 tsunami.

"They told me about their anxieties, especially their fears about radiation. □

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# Why the West finally got it right



David Cameron

By Ranj Alaaldin AP

**London** – British Prime Minister David Cameron has done it. He was among the first of Western leaders and British politicians to call for the much-needed no-fly zone over Libya. Despite strong opposition from the international community, he stood firm and loyal to his convictions and, together with the equally tenacious President Nicolas Sarkozy of France, has restored faith in the once-impotent and futile United Nations. Libyans, the Arab world, and the broader international community should forever be grateful. Yesterday's Security Council endorsement of a resolution that imposes a no-fly zone over Libya is a righting of the

wrongs of history. In 1991, the international community and the ineffective Arab League found itself in a similar position when Iraqis rose up against the tyrannical dictatorship of Saddam Hussein. They left the Iraqis hanging, who, as a result, were slaughtered. Now, with Qaddafi's forces moving closer toward Benghazi, Libyans will not be as unlucky. A no-fly zone was always going to be the all-important factor in this bloody conflict. Yet, the conflict had, by the time of yesterday's resolution, reached a point where a no-fly zone would have been too little too late, with Qaddafi checking the rebels' westward progress and recapturing lost towns and cities in

the rebel-controlled territories of the east.

Against all odds, however, the Security Council went even further than a no-fly zone by implementing what Daniel Korski of the European Council on Foreign Relations had, three weeks ago, called the no-fly zone plus-one option: the use of air strikes to complement a no-fly zone that, on its own, would have merely sacrificed the exhausted and resource-diminished rebels to Qaddafi's tanks and heavy artillery.

Although it may take a short while for the no-fly zone to be enforced, airstrikes can take place straightaway. They must start now, immediately and not later. Time is still of the essence: Qaddafi may now think twice about going into Benghazi with full force, since he risks having his planes and tanks destroyed, but not if there is even the slightest indication that it could be a number of days or weeks before the Security Council measures are implemented. How and when Qaddafi responds to yesterday's measures will determine their effectiveness and the success of the uprising; It is, therefore, important that he is not given much choice. □

## United Nations Security Council Is the U.N.'s threat against Gadhafi already working?

**New York** – After the U.N. votes for possible military intervention in Libya, Moammar Gadhafi promptly halts his assault on the rebels' last stronghold. Now what? The government of Moammar Gadhafi called for an "immediate ceasefire" Friday, just hours after the United Nations Security Council authorized the use of "all necessary" military force, including airstrikes, to protect civilians from the dictator's violent assault. Rebels celebrated in Benghazi, their last stronghold, as Gadhafi called off what he had said would be a merciless attack on the city. Britain and France vowed to continue with military preparations in case Gadhafi breaks his word.



Has the U.N.'s threat already succeeded in saving the rebels? No. Gadhafi is still in power: "The UN shouldn't accept this nonsense," says Rick Moran at The American Thinker. But it "probably will," because it only wants to stop the slaugh-

ter, not overthrow anyone. If the "the U.N. chickens out and agrees to leave Gaddafi in power," his goons will slowly and quietly terrorize the population into submission again. Then "the bloodbath will be even bigger than if they did nothing." □

# A nation of oil junkies still needs its gas fix



Obama

By Cynthia Tucker AP

**WASHINGTON** -- You think gasoline is too expensive? Are you annoyed by the escalating price at the pump? If so, you've joined legions of Americans, myself included, who have become accustomed to a lifestyle of easy and seemingly painless energy consumption. We believe that we have a God-given right to our fuel-hogging SUVs, two or three refrigerators per household and old-fashioned light bulbs that generate as much heat as light. Isn't there something in the Constitution that guarantees our right to most of the world's energy resources? You'd certainly think so to listen to the complaints that escalate right along with the price per barrel of oil. But the simple fact is that our energy consumption is a lot more costly than we acknowledge measured not just in ghastly environmental disasters, but also in the blood spilled by our soldiers.

A confluence of awful events the slaughter of protesters in the Middle East and a nuclear catastrophe in Japan ought to serve as a teaching moment, an opportunity to remind Americans that there is a steep price to be paid for our profligate use of energy sources. Instead, we've seen the usual petty politics and finger-pointing, a reflexive avoidance of assessing our old habits and attempting to change them.

President Obama, for his part, is sticking with an energy plan that calls not only for new sources, such as wind and solar power, but also broader use of nuclear plants. He is among many progressives who have lately endorsed nuclear power as an alternative to planet-warming

fuels such as coal, used in many utility plants.

But the fragile consensus between conservatives who clamor for nuclear power and environmentalists who hate coal may not matter, even if it survives the Japanese crisis. As Time magazine writer Michael Grunwald notes, nuclear power plants are outrageously expensive to build and even more expensive to insure. "Since 2008, proposed reactors have been quietly scrapped or suspended in at least nine states -- not by safety concerns or hippie sit-ins, but by financial realities. Other projects have been delayed as cost estimates have tripled toward \$10 billion a reactor," Grunwald writes. So much for a cheap source of electricity.

Despite that, a group of Republicans wants to repeal the Bush-era mandate to retire incandescent light bulbs and switch to technologies that would use about 30 percent less energy and could save consumers as much as \$40 billion in energy and related costs over the next two decades. U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, leader of the dim bulbs, says it's about "personal freedom."

Meanwhile, the "personal freedom" to use incandescent light bulbs pales next to the all-American notion of the right to hit the highway any time we choose. But that freedom, too, is bought at a steep price -- a foreign policy that is mired in the Middle East. There are other reasons for our forays there, of course, but access to petroleum has always been a prime motivator.

That's why the Obama administration steps softly around oil-rich Bahrain, whose monarchy is using U.S.-supplied hardware and the assistance of Saudi Arabia to stifle demonstrators seeking a more open and democratic government. How much can we castigate those who supply the fuel we crave? Does a junkie lambaste his dealer? □



## Pope Benedict urges military to consider safety of Libyans

By NICOLE WINFIELD,  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI issued an urgent appeal Sunday to military and political leaders to consider the safety of Libyan civilians and ensure they have access to emergency aid in his first comments on the U.S.-led military assault on Libya.

The pope didn't identify which leaders he was referring to in comments at his traditional Sunday blessing. Significantly, he didn't demand an immediate end to the U.S. and European air and missile strikes.

Rather, he directed his appeal in general to "those who have the political and military responsibility to take to heart the safety and security of citizens and guarantee that they have access to humanitarian aid."

Benedict said the outbreak of hostilities had sparked "great fear and alarm in me" and said he was praying for peace in the region.

Two weeks ago, Benedict lamented the deaths and humanitarian crisis caused by the fighting between Moammar Gadhafi's forces and rebels.

The Vatican has been remarkably quiet since then, and particularly since the U.N. Security Council authorized military force to halt Gadhafi's crackdown: the Vatican newspaper reported on the developments matter-of-factly, without commentary.

That was not the case eight years ago in the run-up to the Iraq war, when Pope John Paul II voiced emphatic opposition to U.S.-led military action and sent an envoy to Washington to try to avert it. Yet in 1994, nearly two years into Bosnia's civil war, John Paul called for humanitarian intervention to end the suffering and said the church endorsed action to disarm aggressors.

In 1998, the Vatican opposed NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia launched after Serbia's leader Slobodan Milosevic refused to sign a peace deal for separatist Kosovo, but John Paul also said the international



Pope Benedict XVI

community couldn't remain quiet as innocents were forced from their homes amid repression and violence.

On Sunday, *Avvenire*, the influential newspaper of the Italian Catholic bishops' conference, said the Libyan "war" was necessary and justified, "animated by the noble motives of humanitarian intervention."

In a front-page editorial, *Avvenire* praised the French for having recognized the rebels diplomatically and "taken up the flag of interventionism with the aim of canceling out its past links to the dictators of the Maghreb and relaunching French grandeur in the Mediterranean."

Recently, the Vatican has been chastened for what some in the Arab world considered interference in internal affairs: The pre-eminent institute of Islamic learning in the Sunni Muslim world froze talks with the Vatican earlier this year after Benedict called for better protection of Christians in Egypt.

Benedict's appeal had followed the New Year's bombing on a Coptic Christian church in Alexandria that killed 21 people. □



## Fears for British nuclear plans after Japan crisis

By Frederic Pouchot AP

LONDON — The crisis at the Fukushima plant in Japan could delay plans for a new generation of British nuclear power stations, dealing a blow to the atomic energy industry's hopes for a £30-billion boost. Britain currently has 10 plants and 19 nuclear reactors up and running which provide around a fifth of the country's electricity production.

The Labour government in 2008 adopted a policy of maintaining nuclear power as part of the country's energy mix and it was retained by the administration of Prime Minister David Cameron.

In line with this, several European firms want to build



Steam rises from nuclear towers

five new plants with at least 10 reactors, which would be worth the equivalent of about 34 billion euros or \$50 billion to the nuclear industry.

The companies have been involved in a long process to get their bids approved but it had been going well. Now,

however, Japan's atomic crisis is threatening to delay the lucrative deals.

Since the emergency began at the Fukushima plant, the British government has been at pains to stress that nuclear power is vital to meet the country's energy needs. □



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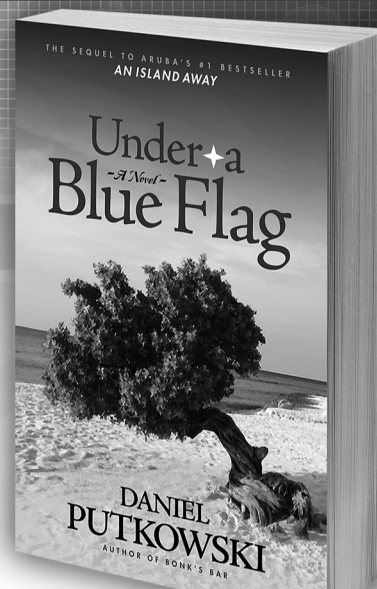


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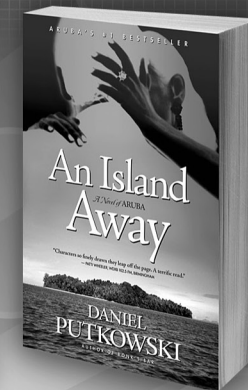
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## Obama woos Brazil while Libya air assault unfolds

By Stuart Grudgings and Matt Spetalnick AP

**RIO DE JANEIRO** — President Barack Obama toured Rio de Janeiro on Sunday as he courted Latin America on a tour overshadowed by a U.S. and European air assault on Muammar Gaddafi's forces in Libya. On the second day of what aides call his signature first trip to the region, Obama got a glimpse of Rio's famed beaches and mountains from his helicopter and played soccer with slum kids in a display of cultural affinity. His attention continued to be divided, however, by the biggest military intervention in the Arab world since the Iraq



**President Barack Obama**  
invasion.

The military campaign against Gaddafi's forces that was launched on Saturday intruded on Obama's schedule of diplomacy and business promotion in the Brazilian capital, Brasilia, and seemed certain to do the same in Rio.

Obama is seeking improved relations with Brazil after a period marked by tensions and neglect, during which China overtook the United States as Brazil's main trade partner. Based in a hotel overlooking Copacabana beach, he was spending the day visiting a vibrant metropolis that encapsulates what he called Brazil's "extraordinary" rise as a global power in recent years. The White House has justified Obama's five-day Latin American tour in large part for its potential dividends of boosting U.S. exports to help create American jobs, also considered crucial to his 2012 re-election chances. □

## Italy tugboat crew detained in Tripoli



**Italy's Foreign minister**  
**Franco Frattini**

By **NICOLE WINFIELD**,  
**Associated Press**

**ROME** — Italian officials said Sunday they would do whatever it takes to free the crew of an Italian tugboat apparently seized by Libyan officials at Tripoli's port as U.S. and European airstrikes enforced a no-fly zone over Libya. The "Asso 22" tug of the Naples-based shipping company Augusta Offshore Srl has eight Italian, two Indian and one Ukrainian crew members aboard, state-run RAI television said. Armed men, including one believed to be the Tripoli port commander, detained the crew as Libyan workers aboard were disembarking Saturday and prevented the vessel from leaving port, the report said. Defense Minister Ignazio La Russa said Sunday that Italy was prepared to evacuate the crew "with every possible means." Foreign Minister Franco Frat-

tini said the situation was fluid and confusing, but that he couldn't exclude that it amounted to a seizure. He said Eni, Italy's oil and gas giant which has significant interests in Libya, had rented the tug for use at oil platforms off the coast.

"Now they're taking it to the base of an Eni refinery," Frattini said. "We don't know what their intentions are, but we obviously can't exclude that we're dealing with a seizure, given that it's still a confused situation."

He said Italy had asked Turkey, which is now representing Italian interests in Libya following the closure of Italy's embassy, to intervene with Libyan authorities.

Calls to Augusta Offshore went unanswered Sunday.

Italy, Libya's former colonial ruler, has allowed seven military bases to be used by allied forces enforcing the U.N.-mandated no-fly zone over Libya and on Sunday offered up eight aircraft to the coalition: four anti-radar Tornados and four fighter jets that could be deployed at any time.

Italy has also said the NATO base near Naples would be the main coordination center for allied forces.

As U.S., French and British cruise missile and air strikes began Saturday, Premier Silvio Berlusconi assured Italians that Moammar Gadhafi's regime didn't have the capacity to strike Italian territory. Nevertheless, the mayor of the tiny island of Lampedusa. □

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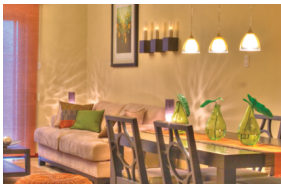
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## Gadhafi's LatAm allies criticize military strikes



Moammar Gadhafi, Hugo Chavez, Fidel Castro, Daniel Ortega

**By IAN JAMES, Associated Press**  
**CARACAS, Venezuela** — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez condemned military strikes against Libya on Saturday, accusing the United States and its European allies of attacking the country to seize its oil. Chavez's ally and mentor Fidel Castro raised similar concerns in a column written before the first strikes, while the leftist leaders of Bolivia and Nicaragua also accused world powers of

intervening with an eye to the North African country's oil. Chavez, who has long-standing ties to Moammar Gadhafi, has urged mediation and called it "disgusting" that the U.S., France and other countries are taking military action. "More death, more war. They are the masters of war," Chavez said. "What irresponsibility. And behind that is the hand of the United States and its European allies." "They want to seize Libya's oil. The lives of Libya's people don't matter to them at all," Chavez said. "It is deplorable that once again the warmongering policy of the Yankee empire and its allies is being imposed, and it is deplorable that the United Nations lends itself to supporting war, infringing on its fundamental principles instead of urgently forming a commission to go to Libya." Operating under authorization of the U.N. Security Council, French fighter jets fired the first shots at Gadhafi's troops Saturday, and U.S. and British warships launched a missile attack on Libya's air defenses. □

## Britain hails 'very successful' Libya attacks

by Alice Ritchie AP

**LONDON** — Britain said on Sunday its air and sea strikes on Libya had been "very successful" and stressed it was doing everything it could to avoid civilian casualties as it enforces a UN-sanctioned no-fly zone. British fighter planes and a submarine joined US and French military in attacking Libya overnight, after they agreed with Arab allies at crisis talks in Paris to take action to stop Moamer Kadhafi's offensive on rebels. Defence Secretary Liam Fox told the BBC that early reports suggested the bombing raids were "very successful". Air Vice Marshal Phil Osborn, the second in command of the Royal Air Force, added in a briefing to reporters in London: "We're entirely comfortable with the way the operations went last night in terms of success." A Libyan official told AFP that at least 48 people had died in the assaults, which began with a strike at 1645 GMT Saturday by a French warplane on a vehicle the French military said belonged to pro-Kadhafi forces. But British ministers and officials said they were only hitting military targets needed to bring down Libya's air



British Royal Air Force Tornado aircraft

defence network and enforce the no-fly zone agreed by the United Nations Security Council. Fox said the Libyan regime was "engaged in a propaganda exercise", saying: "We are using some very specific types of weaponry designed to minimise any civilian casualties or other collateral damage." "The risk of collateral damage is at the forefront every time we do a plan," added Osborn, saying that Britain had attacked "key military targets", mostly around Tripoli. In Britain's first air strikes in the campaign, Tornados hit Libya on Saturday with Storm Shadow cruise missiles. The planes flew 3,000 miles from their base in eastern England and back again in what officials said was the longest-range bombing mission for the Royal Air Force since the Falklands war with

Argentina in 1982. They were refuelled four times mid-air during the eight-hour round trip. A British Trafalgar-class submarine meanwhile joined in an attack with American forces from the Mediterranean that saw more than 110 Tomahawk missiles fired at some 20 air defence targets, a top US military officer said. The international community moved to put a halt to the advance of Kadhafi's forces on rebels, who have been trying to overthrow him for more than a month. Acutely aware of the controversies in Britain's involvement in the 2003 invasion of Iraq, Prime Minister David Cameron has gone to great lengths to defend the intervention, which is the first time he has sent troops into action since becoming premier. □



# Is nuclear power worth the risk?



By **BOB HERBERT**  
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**Catastrophes happen.**

No one thought the Interstate 35W bridge across the Mississippi River in Minneapolis would collapse. No one thought the Gulf of Mexico would be fouled to the horrible extent that it was by the BP oil spill. The awful convergence of disasters in Japan – a 9.0 earthquake followed by a tsunami and a devastating nuclear power emergency – seemed almost unimaginable. Worst-case scenarios unfold more frequently than we'd like to believe, which leads to two major questions regarding nuclear power that Americans have an obligation to answer. First, can a disaster comparable to the one in Japan happen here? The answer, of course, is yes – whether caused by an earthquake or some other event or series of events. Nature is unpredictable and human beings are fallible. It could happen. So the second question is whether it makes sense to follow through on plans to increase our reliance on nuclear power, thus heightening the risk of a terrible problem occurring here in the United States. Is that a risk worth taking? Concern over global warming has increased the appeal of nuclear power, which does not produce the high levels of greenhouse gases that come from fossil fuels. But there has been a persistent tendency to ignore the toughest questions posed by nuclear power: What should be done with the waste? What are the consequences of a catastrophic accident in a populated

area? How safe are the plants, really? Why would taxpayers have to shoulder so much of the financial risk of expanding the nation's nuclear power capacity, an effort that would be wildly expensive? A big part of the problem at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi power station are the highly radioactive spent fuel rods kept in storage pools at the plant. What to do, ultimately, with such dangerous waste material is the nuclear power question without an answer. Nuclear advocates and public officials don't talk about it much. Denial is the default position when it comes to nuclear waste. In New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said again this week that the 40-year-old Indian Point nuclear power plant in Westchester County, 35 miles north of New York City, should be closed. Try to imagine the difficulty, in the event of an emergency, of evacuating such an area with its millions of residents. "This plant in this proximity to New York City was never a good risk," said the governor. There are, blessedly, very few catastrophic accidents at nuclear power plants. And there have not been many deaths associated with them. The rarity of such accidents provides a comfort zone. We can look at the low probabilities and declare, "It can't happen here." But what if it did happen here? What would the consequences be? If Indian Point blew, how wide an area and how many people would be affected, and what would the cleanup costs be? Rigorously answering such questions is the only way to determine whether the potential risk to life and property is worthwhile. The 104 commercial nuclear plants in the U.S. are getting old, and many have had serious problems over the years. There have been dozens of instances since 1979, the year of the Three Mile Island accident, in which nuclear reactors have had to be shut down for more than a year for safety reasons. □

# Japanese could teach a thing or two



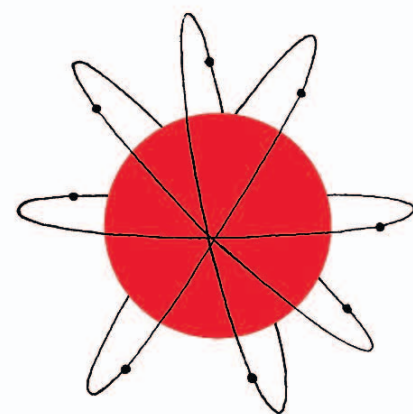
By **NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF**  
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When America is under stress, as is happening right now with debates about where to pare the budget, we sometimes trample the least powerful and most vulnerable among us. So maybe we can learn something from Japan, where the earthquake, tsunami and radiation leaks haven't caused society to come apart at the seams but to be knit together more tightly than ever. The selflessness, stoicism and discipline in Japan these days are epitomized by those workers at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, uncomplainingly and anonymously risking dangerous doses of radiation as they struggle to prevent a complete meltdown that would endanger their fellow citizens. The most famous statue in Japan is arguably one of a dog, Hachiko, who exemplified loyalty, perseverance and duty. Hachiko met his owner at the train station when he returned from work each day, but the owner died at work one day in 1925 and never returned. Until he died about 10 years later, Hachiko faithfully went to the station each afternoon just in case his master returned. I hope that some day Japan will erect another symbol of loyalty and dedication to duty: a statue of those nuclear plant workers. I lived in Japan for five years as the Tokyo bureau chief for The New York Times, and I was sometimes perceived as hostile to the country because I was often critical of the Japanese government's incompetence and duplicity. But the truth is that I came to

cherish Japan's civility and selflessness. There's a kind of national honor code, exemplified by the way even cheap restaurants will lend you an umbrella if you're caught in a downpour; you're simply expected to return it in a day or two. If you lose your wallet in the subway, you expect to get it back. The earthquake has put that dichotomy on display. The Japanese government has been hapless. And the Japanese people have been magnificent, enduring impossible hardships with dignity and grace. As I recalled recently on my blog, I covered the 1995 Kobe earthquake that killed more than 6,000 people, and I looked everywhere for an example of people looting merchandise from one of the many shops with shattered windows. I did find a homeowner who was missing two bicycles, but as I did more reporting, it seemed as if they might have been taken for rescue efforts. Finally, I came across a minimart owner who had seen three young men grab food from his shop and run away. I asked the shop owner if he was surprised that

his fellow Japanese would stoop so low. "No, you misunderstand," the shop owner told me. "These looters weren't Japanese. They were foreigners." Granted, Japan's ethic of uncomplaining perseverance – gaman, in Japanese – may also explain why the country settles for third-rate leaders. Moreover, Japan's tight-knit social fabric can lead to discrimination against those who don't fit in. Bullying is a problem from elementary school to the corporate suite. Ethnic Koreans and an underclass known as burakumin are stigmatized. Indeed, after the terrible 1923 earthquake, Japanese rampaged against ethnic Koreans (who were accused of setting fires or even somehow causing the quake) and slaughtered an estimated 6,000 of them. So Japan's communitarianism has its downside, but we Americans could usefully move a step or two in that direction. Gaps between rich and poor are more modest in Japan, and Japan's corporate tycoons would be embarrassed by the flamboyant pay packages that are common in America. □

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# Bristol sweep again: Busch takes NASCAR points' lead

Kyle Busch smiles after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn., Sunday, March 20, 2011.

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### Woodland wins Transitions Championship



Gary Woodland celebrates with his trophy after winning the Transitions Championship golf tournament Sunday, March 20, 2011, in Palm Harbor, Fla.

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DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

**PALM HARBOR, Florida** (AP) — Gary Woodland made only one par on the back nine Sunday at the Transitions Championship, and it gave him his first PGA Tour victory and a trip to the Masters. Woodland surged into the lead with three straight birdies, and fell out of it with back-to-back bogeys. Tied for the lead on the final hole at Innisbrook, the big-hitter from Kansas holed a 10-foot par putt to finish off a 4-under 67. That proved to be the difference moments later when Webb Simpson also went long on the 18th and his chip down the slope went 20 feet by the hole.

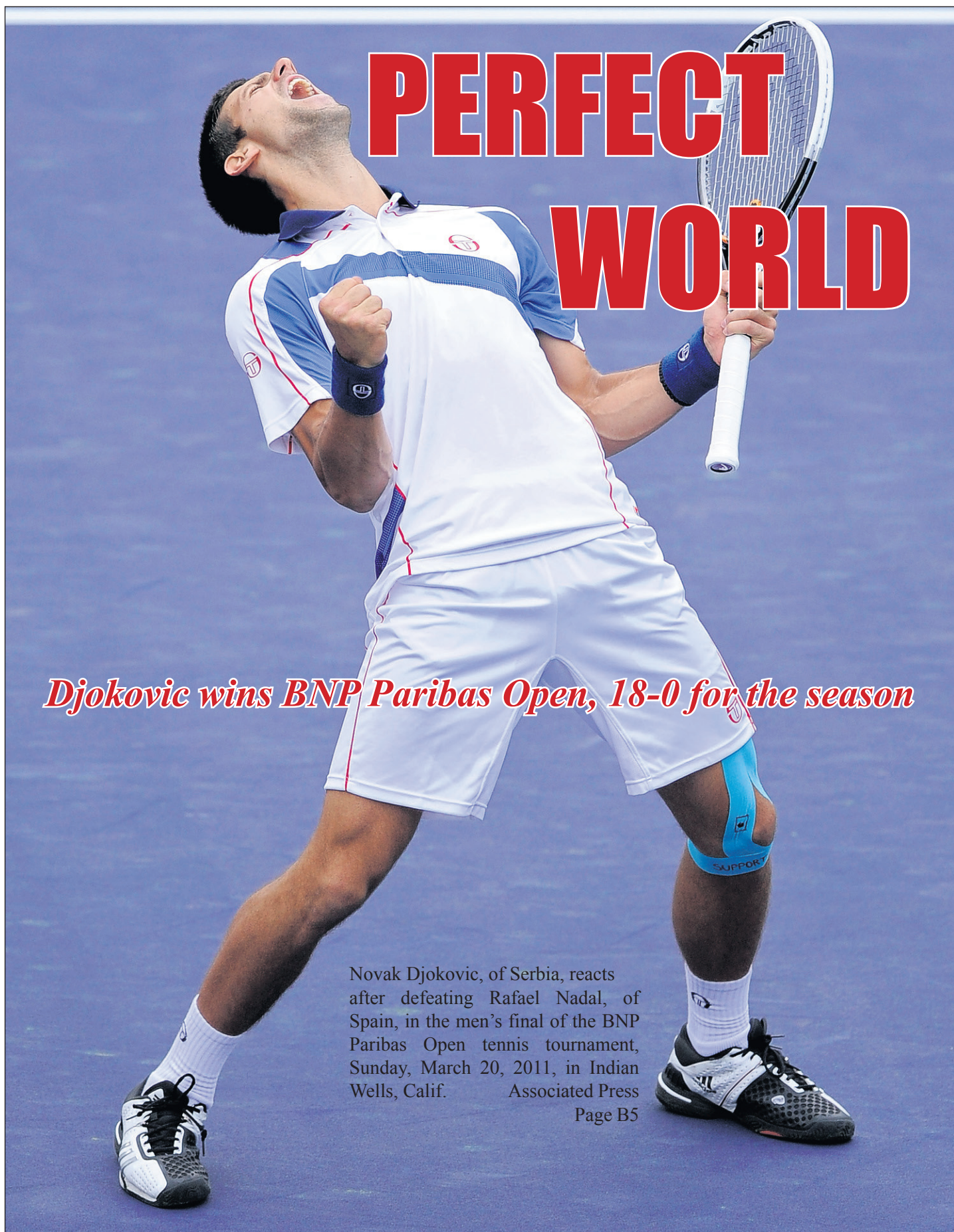
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## PERFECT WORLD

*Djokovic wins BNP Paribas Open, 18-0 for the season*

Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, reacts after defeating Rafael Nadal, of Spain, in the men's final of the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, Sunday, March 20, 2011, in Indian Wells, Calif.

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# Karrie Webb wins LPGA Founders Cup

**JOHN NICHOLSON,**  
AP Sports Writer  
**PHOENIX (AP)** — Karrie Webb rallied to win the LPGA Founders Cup on Sunday for her second straight victory, shooting a 6-under 66 to beat Brittany Lincicome and Paula Creamer by a stroke. Lincicome had a chance to pull even with Webb on the final hole, but missed a 10-foot par putt. The 36-year-old Webb, who finished at 12-under 204, earned \$200,000 for the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation and the Japan earthquake relief efforts in the charity event at Wildfire Golf Club. Instead of paying the players, the tournament honoring the 13 LPGA Tour founders donated \$1 million to charity — half to The LPGA Foundation and its LPGA-USGA Girls Golf program and half to the top-10 finishers' designated charities. Webb has 38 LPGA Tour victories, including a win three

weeks ago in Singapore. After opening with a 71, Webb shot a 67 on Saturday, leaving her six strokes behind second-round leader Angela Stanford. Stanford, who was at 12 under after opening with consecutive 66s, had three three-putt bogeys in a 75 Sunday that left her fifth at 9 under. Webb tied Lincicome at 11 under with a 5-foot birdie putt on the par-3 14th and took the lead with a tap-in birdie on the par-5 15th. Lincicome then matched the Australian Hall of Famer at 12 under with a short birdie putt of her own on 15. Webb made a 3-foot putt for par on the par-4 18th after leaving her approach shot in the fringe in front of the green. Lincicome also ended up in the fringe short of the final green, but ran her chip 10 feet past the hole and missed the putt for her second bogey of the week. Lincicome shot a 70, while Creamer had a 66. □



Karrie Webb waves to the crowd after finishing the LPGA Founders Cup golf tournament Sunday, March 20, 2011, in Phoenix. Behind her is Seon Hwa Lee. Webb won the tournament. Associated Press



## Transitions

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Simpson missed the putt to shoot 69 and finished one shot behind. Woodland, who played college basketball at Washburn until decided to transfer to Kansas to play golf, became the first player to earn his in-

**Webb Simpson tees off on the second hole during the final round of the Transitions Championship golf tournament Sunday, March 20, 2011, in Palm Harbor, Fla.**

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augural PGA Tour title at Innisbrook. It couldn't have come at a better time.

The win gives Woodland an invitation to Augusta National, where his awesome power and soft putting touch could make for an interesting marriage at the Masters. A late-bloomer, Woodland missed the second half of his rookie season two years ago with shoulder surgery, but began to show his potential when he lost in a playoff at the Bob

Hope Classic.

Woodland finished at 15-under 269 and earned \$990,000, moving up to No. 3 in the FedEx Cup standings.

"One thing that helped me was putting, and today it saved me," said Woodland, who took only 10 putts on the back nine and 23 for the final round. "Luckily, it won me a golf tournament."

Scott Stallings, a PGA Tour rookie who missed every cut on the West Coast Swing to fall to the bottom of the status ladder, kept his poise and stayed in the game until the 16th, the toughest driving hole on the Copperhead course with trees to the left and water to the right. Stallings went right into the lake and made double bogey.

Even so, he shot a 70 and finished alone in third, which gets him in the Houston Open in two weeks.

Brandt Snedeker finished alone in fourth.

Justin Rose, a two-time winner last year who started the final round with a one-shot lead, was tied for the lead

until making four straight bogeys through the 10th hole to fall out of contention. He wound up five shots behind. Nick Watney, coming off a World Golf Championship title at Doral last week, played with Woodland and fell out of the mix quickly by failing to make putts.

Watney didn't make a birdie and closed with a 72 and tied for 13th, the first time Watney has been out of the top 10 all year.

That means his two-month bet with caddie Chad Reynolds is over, and both can now get a hair cut.

Martin Kaymer, the world No. 1, closed with a 69 to tie for 20th. Simpson, who recently became a father for the first time, took the lead with three birdies on the front nine and saved himself with some key putts. He missed his last four greens in regulation, but saved par from with a series of good chips and bunker shots.

But on the 18th, he left himself far above the hole, and the only way to stop it was to hit the flag. It almost did. □

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# Will players be able to budget during lockout?

By **BARRY WILNER**  
AP Pro Football Writer

**MARCO ISLAND, Fla.** — Don't buy that car. Shorten that vacation. Eat at home. Whatever they do, NFL players have been warned for years about the need to save and the importance of budgeting their money in case of a work stoppage. Well, the lockout is here. "We've been hammering the point home for two years that you have to be careful and you have to be prepared," Browns linebacker Scott Fujita said. "Guys I know have made concessions. 'There are always a few guys you have to be concerned about, that you think might not have taken the right steps. It's a part of the education process. Maybe you have to spoon-feed them on filling out direct deposit slips or coaching them on a change of lifestyle.'"

The lifestyle for pro football

players, particularly the veterans, is a good one. Seahawks guard Chester Pitts, a nine-year veteran, calls it "very comfortable."

But Pitts notes it also needs to have limitations, more so when the players have no money coming in from the owners because of the labor stalemate.

"The guys in the locker room call me the cheapest guy around," Pitts said with a laugh, "but you have to be wise with your money.

You can live a great life and still be careful and still be smart. "I tell guys, 'Why do you need that \$250,000 car? A Mercedes is a great car and it's \$85,000. You can afford that on your salary, and what's that (\$250,000) car going to do for you?'"

Willie Colon didn't need that advice; he already had decided to stay out of the automotive market this offseason.

The Steelers tackle, who missed the 2010 season with a torn right Achilles' tendon, had thoughts of purchasing a new car for himself and one for his brother. Won't happen.

"I wanted to buy a car for my brother because his car is beat up," said Colon, who earned \$2.198 million last year. "But I told him this is not the year to make a lot of moves, especially with me being a (restricted) free agent and the lockout." Colon, who is single, also said he is eating out less and being responsible with his money, something he admits wasn't always the case.

"When I was coming into the league as a rookie and I was able to get a signing bonus, I was somewhat dumb in spending it," he said. "You know, you are a kid right out of Hofstra and you come into some money. But now, my adviser will always be in my



In this file photo taken Feb. 1, 2010, then Houston Texans guard Chester Pitts makes a point to members of the House Judiciary Committee during a forum in Houston. Football labor negotiations with the NFL involving a federal mediator broke off March 11, 2011, without an agreement.

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ear. They educate you on how much is important to spend and what is important not to spend it on.

"If you are wining and dining every night, try and cut back, go to the grocery store and then stay home and cook. Your lifestyle doesn't have to take a complete 180, but you need to be concerned because you never know when this lockout will end."

Panthers receiver Steve Smith sees the lockout as an opportunity for the players to learn fiscal responsibility, regardless of how much they make. "It's not about, 'Well, I'm locked out, so now I need to save,'" said Smith, who is scheduled to make about \$7 million in 2010. "It's really giving guys an opportunity to evaluate themselves and say, 'You're supposed to save any-

way.' It's just an added incentive to make guys look at their financial habits and correct them and change them. I started doing that two years ago."

Fujita and Pitts are extremely involved in the NFLPA, which is holding its meetings here; Fujita as an executive board member and Pitts as a player rep. But there are hundreds who don't have such active roles. That rank-and-file is the segment the association's leaders must reach about their finances.

Patriots tackle Matt Light is certain they have been reached. He cites not only the togetherness of the players in New England, but of all his peers in dealing with falling on difficult financial times.

"I would be shocked if that happens to any of our guys," Light said. □

## Rangers score 4 in 3rd period to top Pens 5-2

**PITTSBURGH** — Marian Gaborik and Ryan Callahan scored power play goals 11 seconds apart as part of a four-goal third period and the New York Rangers extended their winning streak to a season-high four games with a 5-2 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Sunday.

New York took advantage when Pittsburgh's Matt Cooke took a 5-minute elbowing penalty 4:36 into the third. After Chris Kunitz scored a short-handed goal for Pittsburgh, Penguins defenseman Matt Niskanen was given a high-sticking double-minor three minutes later.

Gaborik then slammed home a rebound of a Brandon Dubinsky shot to tie the game at 2 with eight seconds remaining in the 5-on-3.

Cooke's penalty just ended when Callahan scored the

game-winner, his 23rd goal, from a bad angle on the goal line.

New York's Henrik Lundqvist made 38 saves in his 17th consecutive start despite being questionable with a stiff neck.

Derek Stepan scored with 1:15 left and Dubinsky added an empty-net goal to close out the scoring. Artem Anisimov scored for the Rangers in the first period.

Rangers All-Star defenseman Marc Staal sat out the game with an undisclosed injury.

Jordan Staal also scored for Pittsburgh, which came in having won four of five and missed a chance to move within four points of Philadelphia in the race for the Eastern Conference's best record.

Cooke has been suspended three times over the past three seasons for illegal hits. He

also delivered a hit on Boston's Marc Savard in March 2010 that resulted in a severe concussion and prompted the NHL to adopt a new rule that bans blindside hits to the head.

Cooke appeared to stick out his elbow to strike Ryan McDonagh near center ice early in the third period.

The Penguins killed almost all of the power-play time and then the crowd — the 202nd consecutive home sellout — roared with Kunitz's unassisted goal with 13:34 left.

But Niskanen drew blood on a high stick of Callahan three minutes later, giving New York more than two minutes of 5-on-3. It took the Rangers 1:52 before Gaborik scored his 22nd to tie the score at 2.

Cooke's penalty had been over for only three seconds when Callahan scored. □

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Kyle Busch uses a broom as he celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn., Sunday, March 20, 2011. Busch won the Nationwide Series race Saturday, and has won the last five NASCAR races at Bristol.

*Associated Press*

# Kyle Busch sweeps Bristol

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

**BRISTOL, Tenn.** — The situation was perfect for Carl Edwards to issue some payback on Kyle Busch.

Instead, Edwards passed on a chance to knock Busch out of the lead over the closing laps at Bristol Motor Speedway.

As Busch pulled away for Sunday's win — his fifth-straight dating back to last August at the Tennessee track — Edwards regretted not racing harder to potentially steal the victory. The two have a history at Bristol, and Edwards is still smarting from contact last month at Phoenix that he believed wrecked a car capable of winning the race.

"I told him after Phoenix that I still owe him one, but I'll save it up," Edwards said. "I thought I'd be able to race with him harder for those last 15 to 20 laps, but he took off and I just couldn't get back to him to race. If I would have known that was the only shot

I was going to have, I might have raced a little harder."

That Edwards considered revenge was a surprise to Busch, who seemed mystified that Edwards could be holding any sort of grudge against him.

"I have no idea what I'm owed from, you'd have to ask Carl," Busch said, later adding when asked specifically about Phoenix, "Carl says what Carl says. I don't know. And when and where it comes, I do not know."

It didn't come Sunday after Busch beat Edwards and Jimmie Johnson off pit road following the final pit stops. It gave him the lead and ability to hold them off over the final 60 laps. The racing at the start of each restart was intense, but Busch consistently pulled away from Edwards to prevent any real challenge for the win.

"I was trying to drive away from him so he wouldn't have the opportunity to get to me," Busch said of his strategy with

Edwards. "When he got to me that one time, I'm like 'Oh, man. That was your shot. Nice try. You didn't get it done.' I just thought, man, if I could get away from him I wouldn't have to worry about it, so concentrate, get going."

He did, pulling away to complete a sweep of the weekend — he also won the second-tier Nationwide Series race on Saturday — and it was Busch's fifth consecutive victory at Bristol dating back to a three-race sweep last August. He's now won five Cup races at Bristol, which ties him with older-brother Kurt in NASCAR's top series, and has 11 victories spanning the three national series.

Busch, who drives a Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing, dedicated the win to the manufacturer and its employees in Japan still trying to recover from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Edwards settled for second and lamented not pushing Busch harder after the final restart with 37 laps remaining. Busch, Edwards and Johnson pulled away from the field, and Edwards had several opportunities to move Busch's No. 18 Toyota out of the way. But Edwards, in a Ford for Roush Fenway Racing, figured he'd have plenty of chances closer to the finish, so he tried for a clean pass as he and Busch raced side-by-side for several laps. Busch eventually pulled away, and Edwards never had another shot. "My gut told me there was going to be another caution," Edwards said of his decision not to move Busch. "I figured we'd let it calm down and we'd just race. It ended up the fastest car at the end won the race. Hindsight is 20/20, but that's the way it panned out." Johnson, the defending race winner, finished third in his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet and said he was waiting patiently for a dustup between Busch and Edwards that could have given him the win. "We were all running really hard, and there were a couple moments where I thought I might be given a big gift," Johnson said. □

## Lowry's triple-double carries Rockets past Jazz

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

**HOUSTON** — Kyle Lowry was looking forward to a good night's sleep after the best game of his career and a draining week for the Houston Rockets.

Lowry had 28 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for Houston's first triple-double of the season, and the first of his career, and the Rockets moved past Utah in the Western Conference standings with a 110-108 victory over the Jazz on Sunday night.

Lowry set a career high in rebounds, and helped the Rockets inch closer to playoff contention in the Western Conference. Houston is now ninth in the Western Conference, a half-game ahead of the Jazz and Phoenix and 1 1/2 games behind Memphis for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.

"The intensity of that game was very competitive," Lowry said. "No one wanted to give in."

Houston has won four home games in the last seven days, and Rockets coach Rick Adelman is giving his team an off day on Monday.

"I can't wait," Lowry said. "I might sleep til 9:30 a.m. Every game has been tough for us — playing, practicing, playing, practicing. It gets to you after a little while, but it's been a good stretch for us."

Kevin Martin went 18 for 18 from the free throw line and scored 34 points, and rookie Patrick Patterson had 14 points and a career-high 13 rebounds for the Rockets.

Chase Budinger left in the second quarter with a sprained left ankle, and was wearing a walking boot after the game. Adelman said that could mean more playing time for Courtney Lee.

Paul Millsap, back after missing five games with left knee tendinitis, scored 35 points, and Al Jefferson had 17 points and 19



Houston Rockets' Chase Budinger holds his ankle and grimaces during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz on Sunday, March 20, 2011, in Houston. Budinger was helped off the court.

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rebounds for Utah.

The Jazz have dropped seven of their last nine road games, but have another chance to gain ground in the West standings on Monday, when they face Memphis.

Millsap and Jefferson scored seven points apiece in the third quarter to help the Jazz rally from an early 12-point deficit to trail only 77-75.

Houston held the Jazz without a field goal for more than seven minutes in the fourth quarter, but Millsap's follow of his own miss with 4:43 left cut the Rockets' lead to 89-85.

"We made a lot of mistakes, and still had a chance to win," Jefferson said. "A lot of little mistakes cost us in the end."

The Rockets clung to the lead, and Lowry's spinning layup with 2:09 left made it 97-90. He was fouled on the play and converted the three-point play. □



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## Djokovic beats Nadal to win BNP Paribas Open

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INDIAN WELLS, California  
(AP) — Novak Djokovic beat top-ranked Rafael Nadal 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 to win the BNP Paribas Open title on Sunday, keeping the Serbian undefeated this year. Djokovic improved to 18-0, including victories at the Australian Open and in Dubai last month. He will move into the No. 2 spot when the ATP Tour rankings are released Monday, having bumped Roger Federer down to third after beating him in the semifinals. Nadal will remain No. 1 with a 14-3 record.

After Nadal's forehand hit the net on match point, Djokovic threw his head back and let out a prolonged yell while pumping both arms.

Earlier on the women's side, top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki defeated 15th-seeded Marion Bartoli 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 to win the title a year after the Dane lost in the final.

Djokovic became just the third player to beat Nadal and Federer in the same tournament twice, having last done it at Montreal in 2007. Djokovic lost to Nadal in the final here that year, then won in 2008.

Nadal had beaten Djokovic in all five of their previous finals meetings, and he broke him twice to win the first set. Djokovic broke to lead 5-3 in the second set, then survived a five-deuce game on his serve to take the set, winning when Nadal's backhand went wide.

He broke an error-prone Nadal twice in the first three games of the third set to take a 4-0 lead. Djokovic then served out the match at 40-

love to keep Nadal without a title since October.

Wozniacki won her WTA Tour-leading 19th match of the year and her second title. She was also appearing in the final for her third consecutive tournament.

Wozniacki won on her second match point when Bartoli's backhand sailed beyond the baseline. Bartoli was playing in her first final since 2009, and she fell to 2-6 in matches against the No. 1 player.

The victory allowed Wozniacki to improve her results

"If every single match I could play like that throughout the years, I would be pretty happy," Bartoli said. "Even though I came up a bit short at the end and she was better than me, I think it was really a great fight."

Wozniacki rolled through the first set, breaking Bartoli three times with well-placed shots that jerked her from side to side and up and back. Bartoli was breathing heavily throughout the match.

"I can keep playing out there for hours and hours," Woz-



Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, serves to Marion Bartoli, of France, during the women's final at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., Sunday, March 20, 2011.

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for the fifth straight year at Indian Wells. She lost in the first round in her 2007 debut, reached the fourth round in 2008, the quarterfinals in 2009 and was runner-up to Jelena Jankovic a year ago. She earned \$700,000, and was already assured of remaining No. 1 through the upcoming two-week tournament in Miami. Bartoli, of France, is projected to be No. 10 when the rankings are released Monday, her first time back in the Top 10 since June 2008.

niacki said. "It's definitely a good sign for me when I can see the opponent getting a little bit more tired. We had a lot of long rallies, but I felt like I recovered maybe a little bit faster than she did. That's a good feeling to have on my side."

Bartoli earned the only two breaks of the second set, when Wozniacki seemed content to stay back and rally instead of trying to go for as many winners as she did in the opening set. □



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, sits next to his trophy after defeating Rafael Nadal, of Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, in the men's final at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., Sunday, March 20, 2011.

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# India to face Australia after beating West Indies

**CAROLINE CHEESE**  
AP Sports Writer

India set up a mouthwatering World Cup quarterfinal against defending champion Australia after beating West Indies by 80 runs in the last group match on Sunday.

India claimed second place in Group B and will host Ricky Ponting's Australians at Ahmedabad, while West Indies finished fourth and will face Group A winner Pakistan in Dhaka on Wednesday.

"Australia are a very good side, they play tough cricket, they're quite expressive on the field," India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni said.

"But it's not about which opponent you're playing, it's all about how you're preparing and what you really want to achieve. We'll give it our best shot."

In the other quarterfinals, Group B leader South Africa is against New Zealand at Dhaka on Friday and Sri Lanka hosts England on Saturday at Colombo.

The home crowd in Chennai was almost silent as West Indies reached 154-2 chasing 269 against India, but once Zaheer Khan bowled Devon Smith for 81, the visitors crumbled, losing eight wickets for 34 runs.



India players celebrate with bowler Ravichandran Ashwin, center facing camera, after he took the wicket of West Indies' batsman Kirk Edwards after a player review, during the Cricket World Cup Group B match between India and West Indies, in Chennai, India, Sunday, March 20, 2011.

*Associated Press*

In Sunday's other match, Zimbabwe defeated Kenya by 161 runs in a game between two eliminated teams.

The speed of West Indies' demise made India's win look more convincing than it was. In reality, there were tense moments for the home fans as their side struggled to get on top of a West Indies lineup missing Chris Gayle, Kumar Roach and Shivnarine Chanderpaul.

"The game really changed once Zaheer gave us that breakthrough that was really needed," Dhoni said. "Before that Devon was batting really well, we gave him opportunities to score and he really capitalized on that. But once we got his wicket, we were able to put pressure on the other batsmen."

Yuvraj Singh's maiden World Cup century and a 59 from Virat Kohli gave India a solid

foundation at 173-2, but the lower order collapsed in similar fashion as it did in the loss to South Africa and India was all out for 268.

The last seven wickets fell for the addition of 50 runs. Four of those fell in the batting powerplay as India failed to bat out 50 overs for the third time in the tournament.

West Indies proved even more vulnerable with the bat, and inspired spells by Zaheer and

Harbhajan Singh sent wickets tumbling.

"We have to tighten up and tighten up very quickly," West Indies captain Darren Sammy said. "We're going to be facing Pakistan, so we have to bring our A-game."

"We lost eight wickets for 30-odd runs so that's a concern. We're in the knockout stage and anything could happen, but we have to pick up."

Yuvraj, despite suffering from stomach cramps, added bowling figures 2-18 to his calm innings of 113. Ravichandran Ashwin, finally included in the team following a clamor in the local media, took 2-41 in 10 overs on his World Cup debut.

Sachin Tendulkar is still seeking his 100th international century. He was out for 2 in the first over after feathering a catch to wicketkeeper Devon Thomas to set Ravi Rampaul on his way to figures of 5-51 on his World Cup debut.

A day after Australia captain Ricky Ponting refused to walk despite clearly edging behind, Tendulkar didn't even wait to see the umpire's decision — the umpire originally deemed it not out — before making his way back to the dressing room. □



Lucian Bute, from Montreal, celebrates after defeating Brian Magee, from Ireland, with a 10th round TKO in their IBF Super Middleweight Title fight on Saturday, March 19, 2011 in Montreal.

*Associated Press*

**MONTREAL** — Hometown favorite Lucian Bute stopped Brian Magee with an uppercut to the chin at 2:04 of the 10th round Saturday night to retain his IBF super-middleweight title.

It was the third time that Bute (28-0) knocked down Magee (34-4-1), having dropped the 35-year-old Irishman in the sixth and seventh rounds of the scheduled 12-round bout between southpaws.

## Lucian Bute stops Brian Magee to keep IBF title

The Montreal fighter defended the IBF belt he won in 2007 for the seventh time. Magee failed to go the distance for only the second time in his career.

Both fighters tried to establish the jab in a fight that took place almost entirely in the center of the ring. The first five rounds were mostly even, but there was a sense that the taller, quicker Bute had another move up his sleeve.

It came out in the sixth when a quick left to the midsection put Magee down. The same thing happened in the seventh and then it was matter of time before the knockout blow came.

As Magee winced and fell in the 10th, referee Pete Podgorski of Chicago immediately signaled the end of the fight before 12,219 fans at the Bell Centre.

In the co-feature, hard-hitting Pier Olivier Cote of Quebec City stopped Michael Lozada of Mexico with three knockdowns in the first round to win his light welterweight bout.

A crushing right to the ear at 2:50 of the first gave Cote (15-0) an impressive victory over Lozada (37-8-1) and a second straight one-round win.

"I thought he'd be more aggressive, but I saw he was backing up," said Cote, one of Canada's most promising

young fighters along with middleweight David Lemieux. "I got him with a shot, he lost his legs and it was pretty much over from that point."

The victory assured Cote of a spot on the undercard of the Manny Pacquiao-Shane Mosley fight May 7 in Las Vegas against an opponent yet to be announced. However, Cote said his top priority is to fight for a North American title and would take that over a non-title bout, even in Las Vegas.

The 26-year-old Cote was born in Cali, Colombia, but at 18 months old was adopted by Rejean Cote and Christiane Pleau of Charlesbourg, Quebec. □



# Optometrists: Nintendo 3DS could ID vision issues

By PETER SVENSSON  
AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK** — U.S. eye specialists are welcoming the Nintendo 3DS game device, dismissing the manufacturer's warnings that its 3-D screen shouldn't be used by children 6 or younger because it may harm their immature vision.

On the contrary, the optometrists say, it's a good idea to get your kids to try the 3-D screen, especially if they're younger than 6. It won't do any harm, they say, and it could help catch vision disorders that have to be caught early to be fixed.

"The 3DS could be a godsend for identifying kids under 6 who need vision therapy," said Dr. Michael Duenas, associate director for health sciences and policy for the American Optometric Association.

The new handheld game de-

vice is already available in Japan and goes on sale in the U.S. on March 27 for \$250. It has two screens like the DS machines it is designed to replace. The top screen can show 3-D images, without the need for special glasses, though only new games will be in 3-D. A pair of cameras on the 3DS can be used to take 3-D pictures.

If your kid doesn't see the 3-D effect on the 3DS, that's a sign that he or she may have a vision disorder such as amblyopia, or "lazy eye," or subtler problems that can cause problems with reading, Duenas said. Kids who experience dizziness or discomfort should also be checked, he said.

Today's 3-D viewing systems send different images to the right and left eyes, a technique that creates an illusion of depth. But a lot of the cues

we use to perceive depth in our environment are missing. That confuses the eyes and accounts for the eyestrain and headaches many people experience watching 3-D movies. Because of that, optometrists say, these systems can help isolate problems that have to do with the way the eyes move, problems that aren't caught by eye charts.

These problems are much easier to fix if caught before age 6, when the visual system in our brains is more or less done developing. Only 15 percent of preschool children get a comprehensive eye exam that could catch these subtle problems, according to the American Optometric Association, the professional group for optometrists. More than half of all juvenile delinquents have undiagnosed and untreated vision problems, according to



In this Sept. 29, 2010 file photo, a visitor operates a Nintendo 3DS featuring 3-D imagery during a press conference by Nintendo Co.

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## States push harder for online sales tax collection

By RACHEL METZ  
AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Tax-free shopping is under threat for many online shoppers as states facing widening budget gaps increasingly pressure Amazon.com Inc. and other Internet retailers to start collecting sales taxes from their residents.

Billions of dollars are at stake as a growing number of states look for ways to generate more revenue without violating a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that prohibits a state from forcing businesses to collect sales taxes unless the business has a physical presence, such as a store, in that state.

States are trying to get around that restriction by passing laws that broaden the definition of a physical presence. Retailers are resisting being deputized as tax collectors.

Until recently, the Supreme Court ruling has meant that Wal-Mart Stores Inc., based in Bentonville, Ark., would collect taxes from shoppers in all states with sales taxes, whether those shoppers buy items on or off the Web, because it has stores nationwide.

But Amazon, based in Seattle, wouldn't collect taxes from Floridians because it doesn't have a presence there. Although in such cases, shoppers in Florida are supposed to pay the tax directly to their state, few actually do.

With the new laws, those living in Evanston, Ill., or Providence, R.I., can no longer expect to avoid paying taxes when shopping online even though Amazon and others have no traditional

operations there. States backing these laws argue that a retailer has a physical presence when it uses affiliates — people and businesses that refer customers to the retailer's website and collect a commission on sales. These affiliates range from one-person blogs promoting the latest gadgets to companies that run coupon and deal sites.

Illinois passed a law this month requiring Internet companies with affiliates in that state to collect taxes on sales to Illinois customers. In Vermont and Arkansas, similar bills scored initial legislative victories in recent weeks. New York, North Carolina and Rhode Island have already adopted similar laws.

In Colorado, a law requires online retailers to either collect the tax or send customers an annual notice letting them know how much they owe their state. Retailers would also have to report that to Colorado officials.

Several other states including Arizona, Massachusetts and California are considering passing their own flavor of online sales tax collection legislation. California lawmakers had passed a bill in 2009, but the governor vetoed it.

It's not known exactly how much in uncollected taxes is due to states from online sales, but a 2009 study from the University of Tennessee estimated that it could total \$10.14 billion this year, assuming total e-commerce sales of \$3.49 trillion. Only a fraction of this owed tax would result from consumer purchases, however, because most e-commerce sales are from one business to another. □

studies.

Going to see a 3-D movie or trying a 3-D TV can also help screen for problems, but optometrists expect the 3DS to be in front of kids' eyes more. "This has presented my profession, optometry, a wonderful opportunity," said Dr. Joe Ellis, the president of the optometrists' association.

However, optometrists aren't quite seeing eye to eye on this issue with another group of eye specialists: the ophthalmologists, who are medical doctors. (Optometrists are doctors of optometry but not medical doctors.)

Dr. David Hunter, a pediatric ophthalmologist affiliated with the Children's Hospital in Boston and the American Academy of Ophthalmology, said the idea that off-the-shelf 3-D games or movies could help screen for vision problems such as amblyopia is "a little perplexing."

Kids with amblyopia don't have much depth perception in real life, he said, so if they don't see depth in a 3-D screen, they might not say anything because that wouldn't be much different from what they see around them.

It's not impossible that it could help, but it's "all sort of exploration and speculation," said Hunter, who has started

a company that's developing a device for childhood screening of vision disorders.

Nintendo's warning, issued in December, was vaguely worded. It said specialists believe "there is a possibility that 3-D images which send different images to the left and right eye could affect the development of vision in small children."

The Japanese company didn't back the warning up with scientific evidence, so Duenas sees it as being motivated by liability concerns — much like coffee mugs carry warnings that beverages could be hot — rather than a true danger. Reggie Fils-Aime, the president of Nintendo of America, says the company is "aware of all the work that has been done in the field" and issued the warning based on that work. The warning, he said, is based on research that up until age 6, a child's eye — specifically the connection between the eye and the brain — is still developing.

Nintendo, he said, wants to be "conservative and consistent," erring on the side of safety. Optometrists haven't seen any sign that 3-D screens can cause lasting damage, but they also acknowledge that not much is known about how 3-D viewing affects us. □



# Atlantic City casinos see 6.2 percent visitor drop

**By WAYNE PARRY**  
**Associated Press**  
**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** — More than 26.6 million people visited Atlantic City casinos last year, a decrease of 6.2 percent. But a new survey finds spending per visitor fell by only half that amount, indicating that the people who have stopped coming to the nation’s second-largest gambling market are the less-profitable customers the casinos have been paying less attention to in recent years. The stakes are high in Atlantic City, which is in the fifth-straight year of a revenue decline brought on by the explosion of casino gambling in neighboring states and made worse by the poor economy. For the past five years, it has been trying to remake itself as a destination resort for higher-spending customers willing to stay a few days and take in shows, go shopping and eat at gourmet restaurants in addition to gambling. A new statistical survey by Spectrum Gaming Group, an Atlantic City-area consulting firm, indicates that the strategy is working, to some extent. It found the casinos’ win-per-visitor was nearly \$134 last year, down 3.6 percent from 2009 and nearly 8 percent from 2008. “It’s clear that the low-end visitor is more likely to migrate to other places,” said Michael Pollock, Spectrum’s



In a Feb. 6, 2010 file photo, Nicole Kerrys, left, and Joe Nicoba talk inside The Tropicana Hotel and Casino, in Atlantic City, N.J.

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managing director. “But it also shows that you have the ability to hold on to your high-end visitor if you have something to offer them. “You want to replace the convenience gambler with a higher-end customer,” he said. “We aren’t replacing them yet; we’re just holding on to the higher-end right now. You’d like to have both happen simultaneously.” Bob Copeland and his friend Aulis Laine, retirees from Canada, are the type of customers that Atlantic City has long catered to but might not be able to afford much longer. They booked a tour bus package from London, Ontario, to Bally’s Atlantic City that cost them \$950 for five days and four nights, and got \$180 in cash back to gamble at the casinos. Copeland, who once taught woodworking and other courses, estimated he’ll

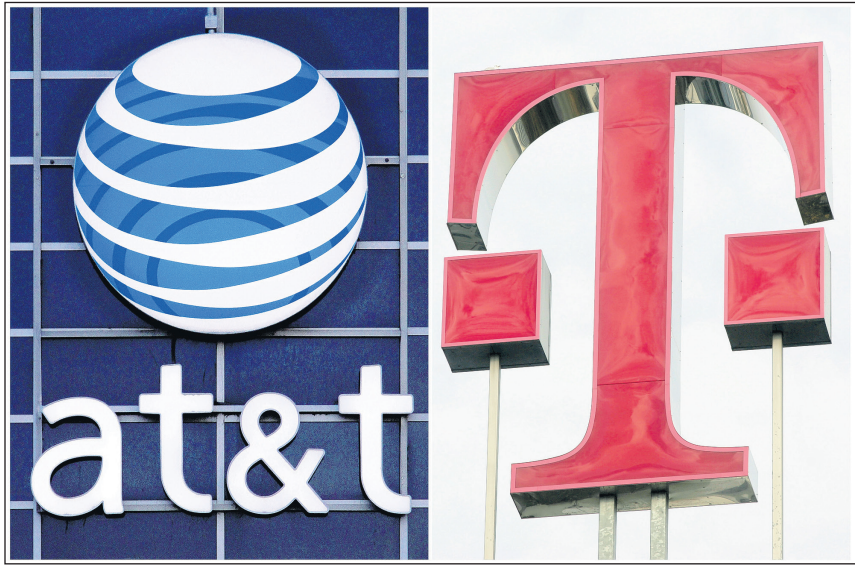
spend about \$200 out of his own pocket during his stay. “I’m a little fish, not a big-time player,” he said. “I just come here to have fun and visit.” Laine said he’s proceeding “as cheaply as possible” in the casinos. “You play penny slots and you win 100, that’s one dollar,” he said. He estimated he’ll spend a few hundred dollars during his stay. Bob Griffin, CEO of Trump Entertainment Resorts, said the trend is noticeable at his company’s three Atlantic City casinos. “The gamblers that are being loyal to Atlantic City are playing more,” he said. “We’re getting more out of fewer players. The business we’re losing is the convenience gambler; they’re just staying home. But the core gamblers are sticking with us.”□



# AT&T to buy T-Mobile USA for \$39 billion

**PETER SVENSSON**  
**AP Technology Writer**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — AT&T Inc. said Sunday it will buy T-Mobile USA from Deutsche Telekom AG in a cash-and-stock deal valued at \$39 billion that would make it the largest cellphone company in the U.S.

The deal would reduce the number of U.S. wireless carriers with national coverage from four to three, and is sure to face close regulatory scrutiny. It also removes a potential partner for Sprint Nextel Corp., the struggling No. 3 carrier, which had been in talks to combine with T-Mobile USA, according to Wall Street Journal reports. AT&T is now America’s second-largest wireless carrier and T-Mobile USA is the fourth largest. The acquisition would give AT&T 129 million subscribers, vaulting it past Verizon Wireless’ 102 million. The combined company would serve about 43 percent of U.S. cellphones. For T-Mobile USA’s 33.7 million subscribers, the news doesn’t immediately change anything. Because of the long regulatory process, AT&T expects the acquisition to take a year to close. But when and if it closes, T-Mobile USA



This photo combination shows logos for AT&T, left, and Deutsche Telekom AG.

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customers would get access to AT&T’s phone line-up, including the iPhone. The effect of reduced competition in the cellphone industry is harder to fathom. Public interest group Public Knowledge said that eliminating one of the four national phone carriers would be “unthinkable.” “We know the results of arrangements like this — higher prices, fewer choices, less innovation,” said Public Knowledge president Gigi Sohn, in a statement. T-Mobile has relatively cheap service plans compared with AT&T, particularly when comparing the kind that don’t come with a two-year contract. AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson said one of the goals of

the acquisition would be to move T-Mobile customers to smart phones, which have higher monthly fees. AT&T “will look hard” at keeping T-Mobile’s no-contract plans, he said. AT&T’s general counsel, Wayne Watts, said the cellphone business is “an incredibly competitive market,” with five or more carriers in most major cities. He pointed out that prices have declined in the past decade, even as the industry has consolidated. In the most recent mega-deal, Verizon Wireless bought No. 5 carrier Alltel for \$5.9 billion in 2009. Stifel Nicolaus analyst Rebecca Arbogast said the deal will face a tough review by the Federal Communications Commission and the

Justice Department. She expects them to look market-by-market at whether the deal will harm competition. Even if regulators approve the acquisition, she added, they are likely to require AT&T to sell off parts of its business or T-Mobile’s business. Verizon had to sell off substantial service areas to get clearance for the Alltel acquisition. To mollify regulators, AT&T said in a statement Sunday that it would spend an additional \$8 billion to expand ultrafast wireless broadband into rural areas. Instead of covering about 80 percent of the U.S. population with its so-called Long Term Evolution, or LTE network, AT&T’s new goal would be 95 percent, it said. That means blanketing an additional area 4.5 times the size of Texas. The network is scheduled to go live in a few areas this summer, but the full build-out will take years. The offer would help the FCC and the Obama administration meet their stated goals of bringing high-speed Internet access to all Americans. They see wireless networks as critical to meeting that goal — particularly in rural areas where it does not make economic sense to build landline networks.□

# Volatile week underscores bull market’s fragility

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**NEW YORK** — When it comes to the mood of the market, strategist Brian Gendreau called what happened on Wednesday Exhibit A. Stocks were already falling when the European Union’s energy chief warned of an impending nuclear catastrophe in Japan. It didn’t matter that few investors in the U.S. had ever heard of Guenther Oettinger or that other reports from Japan weren’t quite as dire. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 200 points in the next four hours. “The market went up so far so fast, and investor surveys were showing a great deal of bullishness, the kind we often associate with the peak of a bull market,” says Gendreau, of the Financial Network, a financial advisory firm. “Whenever you’re fully invested in stocks — when everyone’s on one side of the trade you’re very vulnerable to bad news. “We got some bad news.” The Dow Jones industrial average moved by more than 100 points four straight days last week. At one point it gave up all of its gains for the year, as investors digested world events ranging from an earthquake and possible nuclear meltdown in Japan and turmoil in Libya to more signs that the U.S. economy is im-



Specialist William Bott works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, March 17, 2011.

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proving. But by week’s end, the Dow was again up for the year by more than 2 percent. The message for investors: Get used to volatility like this. U.S. companies, for the most part, are in good financial shape. Earnings are expected to be strong for the first quarter, and they’ve never had more cash. But world events — like a nuclear disaster in Japan or a protest in Saudi Arabia — can quickly jolt investors. The S&P 500 index is down roughly 5 percent since they reached their recent highs in February, according to Standard & Poor’s. That’s enough of a drop to qualify for what market technicians call a pullback. There have been 53 such losses of between 5 and 10 percent since World War II, according to Standard & Poor’s. Most pullbacks have averaged price drops around

7 percent, and required an average of two months to get back to even. By that measure, the market could recover its losses before summer — unless something else happens to spook investors. Higher gas prices, concerns about the impact of earthquake and tsunami on the world’s third largest economy and the possibility of a government shutdown in the U.S. over a budget fight are things that would qualify. “There’s a lot of uncertainty, and markets hate uncertainty,” Gendreau says. Moody’s Investors Service warned on Friday that if oil prices remain around \$100 a barrel, it will imperil the global economic recovery. Carmakers, airlines and agricultural companies would be hit the hardest. Oil prices may soon surge if Japan weans itself off nuclear power. □

# UAE telecom Etisalat drops \$12B Zain bid

**By ADAM SCHRECK**  
**AP Business Writer**  
**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** — Emirati telecommunications company Etisalat has dropped its \$12 billion bid for a large chunk of Kuwaiti rival Zain, ending an effort to significantly expand its reach across the Middle East. Zain shares tumbled nearly 3 percent Sunday as the deal collapsed. Etisalat, known officially as the Emirates Telecommunications Corp., cited several reasons for scrapping the deal in a statement posted to the Abu Dhabi stock exchange Sunday. They included the results of its due diligence process, a lack

of unanimity among Zain board members and political unrest in the region. It didn’t elaborate. The statement was dated Saturday. “This is quite a disappointment for Etisalat. One of the key planks of their strategy is to try to increase their international revenues,” said Matthew Reed, a Dubai-based analyst at Informa Telecoms & Media, a research firm. “If Etisalat had got Zain, that would have represented a big boost to its regional and international portfolio.” Etisalat first announced its bid to acquire 46 percent of Zain in September. In November, it signed a preliminary

agreement with a major Zain shareholder, the Al-Khair National Stocks and Real Estate Co., to begin the due diligence process of going through Zain’s books. It said at the time its offer was binding but subject to certain conditions. Al-Khair is owned by the Kharafi Group, a Kuwait-based family conglomerate that been leading the effort on Zain’s side to complete the deal. It holds the largest Zain stake outside the government. The Kuwait Investment Authority, the country’s sovereign wealth fund, owns 24.6 percent of Zain. Zain is officially known as the Mobile Telecommunications Co.□

# Honda suspends May orders from U.S. dealers

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** — Honda is suspending May orders for Japan-made vehicles from U.S. dealers following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The carmaker told Honda and Acura dealers an e-mail Thursday vehicles produced in May might be needed to fill existing orders that have been delayed due to the disruption. Typically, dealers order cars six weeks in advance.

Honda Motor Co. said Friday it expects to resume production in Japan on Wednesday. But it said in the e-mail that it can’t guarantee when production will return to full capacity. More than 80 percent of Honda and Acura vehicles sold in the U.S. are made in North America. Models sold in North America but made in Japan are the Fit, CR-Z, Civic Hybrid, Insight, Acura TSX, Acura RL and a small number of CR-Vs.□

# Myanmar salt prices soar amid China panic buying

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)** — Prices of iodized salt in Myanmar’s biggest cities have tripled amid a wave of panic buying in neighboring China, where worried shoppers are buying up stocks due to fears of fallout from Japan’s nuclear crisis, media reported Sunday. Grocers and wholesale salt merchants in Yangon and Mandalay say the prices of iodized salt have soared since Friday when vendors started shipping large quantities of salt to China, prompting concerns at home that supplies would run out, the weekly True News Journal reported in its Sunday edition. Shoppers in Beijing, Shanghai and other parts of China have stripped stores of

iodized salt in the false belief that it either wards off radiation injuries or that the nation’s supply would be contaminated by fallout from a crippled Japanese nuclear power plant. Experts have said the first rumor is not true and the second is unlikely: Any catastrophe at the Japanese nuclear plant would most likely affect the immediate area, and wind patterns usually blow away from China at this time of the year. The rumors are part of a swirl of misinformation crisscrossing the region in the wake of Japan’s nuclear emergency that followed the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. Potassium iodide can be used to help protect the thyroid gland

from radiation injury, but regular table salt doesn’t contain enough iodine, according to health experts. Myanmar’s privately owned True News Journal quoted transport companies as saying they were delivering thousands of bags of salt to Mandalay, which serves as a trade hub for goods to China. “We have never transported salt to Mandalay, but since yesterday my company alone sent 4,000 bags of salt — each weighing 75 pounds. We heard the salt will be sent to China ... due to panic buying to guard against radiation exposure,” said an official from the Lapyeiwun Yangon-Mandalay Transport Service, quoted by the weekly. □



## Wyclef says bullet grazed his hand in Haiti



Haitian-American singer Wyclef Jean

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti** — Hip-hop singer Wyclef Jean says he was grazed by a bullet in the hand when he stepped out of his car in Haiti to make a phone call.

The Haitian-American performer tells The Associated Press he had just left the car Saturday night when he heard gunfire. Jean says the next thing he noticed, there was blood on his shirt and sneakers. He told the AP in a telephone interview Sunday that he has no idea who fired or whether the rounds were targeting him.

He says a doctor treated him at a hospital and he is taking antibiotics.

Neither police nor hospital officials could immediately be reached.

Jean says the shooting happened in the capital of Port-au-Prince. He says a driver and the hip-hop singer known as FanFan were with him.

Hip-hop star Wyclef Jean was recovering Sunday after receiving a gunshot wound to the hand while campaigning for a fellow performer who is running for president.

The shooting happened in the Delmas section of the capital, Port-au-Prince, after 11 p.m. local time Saturday said Joe Mignon, senior program director for Jean's Yele Foundation. Jean was treated at a

hospital and later released, Mignon said.

Jean's brother, Samuel, confirmed the musician was shot. Neither he nor Mignon had additional details, and a spokesman for the Haitian National Police could not be reached immediately for comment. Jean, a native of Haiti who rocketed to fame as a member of the hip-hop trio The Fugees, is in his home country to support fellow musician and friend Michel "Sweet Micky" Martelly, one of two presidential candidates in a run-off vote taking place Sunday. Last week, Jean participated in a Martelly concert in downtown Port-au-Prince that sought to win over voters. "We are happy that Wyclef is okay but we continue to pray for him and for a peaceful and fair election today in Haiti," the Rev. Al Sharpton, who has worked with Jean on educational issues and bringing aid to Haiti after the devastating January 2010 earthquake, said in a statement.

The statement also quoted Jimmy Rosemond, who it said was accompanying Jean on his current trip to Haiti. □

## Ricky Martin, '30 Rock' among GLAAD media winners

**NEW YORK** — Russell Simmons, Ricky Martin and the HBO drama series "True Blood" are among this year's recipients of media awards from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Other winners of the 22nd Annual GLAAD Media Awards, presented Saturday in New York, include the NBC comedy "30 Rock" and CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360" for its series on gay teen suicides. Music mogul Simmons received the Excellence in Media Award.

Martin was cited for an appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in which the pop singer discussed raising twin boys and his decision to come out as gay. Spanish-language networks Univision and Telemundo were also recognized. Scissor Sisters were named outstanding music artists for the album "Night Work." The website Essence.com was saluted for outstanding digital journalism.

Nonelectronic media winners include The New York Times columnist Frank Rich and Pe-



Actor-singer Ricky Martin

ter David for his Marvel comic book "X-Factor."

The GLAAD Media Awards recognize fair, accurate and inclusive representation of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and the issues that affect their lives in the media.

Winners were announced in 25 of this year's total of 32 media categories. The remaining awards will be presented at ceremonies to be held in Los Angeles and San Francisco in April and May, respectively. □

## HK film festival opens, mood hurt by Japan crisis

By MIN LEE, AP  
Entertainment Writer

**HONG KONG** — Some of Asia's top filmmakers screened their new movies to kick off the 35th Hong Kong International Film Festival on Sunday, although the mood was subdued because of Japan's earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disasters.

Japan's crisis cast doubt on whether its actors and directors will attend the Hong Kong festival. Popular Japanese director Shunji Iwai, a native of hard-hit Sendai city, has canceled his appearance at the Asian premiere of his first English-language movie, "Vampire." It remains unclear whether prominent Japanese nominees like Koji Yakusho, Rinko Kikuchi and Takako Matsu will attend the awards ceremony, the Asian Film Awards. However, a delegation from the Tokyo International Film Festival attended Sunday's opening ceremony. Festival chairman Wilfred



Chinese actress Gao Yuanyuan

Wong expressed solidarity with Japan's people and its film industry.

"Ever since the Hong Kong International Film Festival started 35 years ago, Japanese film has occupied an important place at the event. Our Japanese friends in the film industry have also supported the festival continuously," Wong said. "At this difficult time, I want to deliver our sincere condolences and best wishes to the entire Japanese people,

including our many friends in the film industry."

The Hong Kong event's two opening films were "Don't Go Breaking My Heart," a romantic comedy directed by Hong Kong veteran Johnnie To and regular partner Wai Ka-fai, and "Quattro Hong Kong 2," which combines four shorts set in this southern Chinese financial hub made by filmmakers from Hong Kong, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. □

## Bob Geldof pleads for rock's future at SXSW keynote

By Gary Graff AP

**AUSTIN** — Bob Geldof thinks that rock 'n' roll, which he called "America's great cultural gift to the world," might be over. And during his keynote address on Thursday at South By Southwest, he wasn't merely talking about the Internet and its impact on the industry.

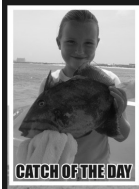
Delivering what many attendees considered to be one of the most thoughtful and well delivered keynote



British musician Sir Bob Geldof

speeches in the conference's 25 years, Geldof voiced despair for what he feels is the disappearing sense of purpose in the music. "Rock 'n' roll needs to be against something. It can't just BE," the singer and social activist explained during his 65-minute address. "It always needs a function in which to function. Of course there are great songs. There will always be great songs that don't suggest anything other than being a great song. But where are our Ramones or our Pistols today? Do we need them? Yes is the answer. Will they be found? Maybe not." Noting that rock's role in popular culture was to inspire argument and discussion, Geldof cataloged a number of social and economic issues and asked, "What's music got to say about it? I don't hear it." □





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## Prince William wows crowds in disaster-hit Australia



Prince William

by Eddie Safarik AP

**IPSWICH, Australia** – Prince William wowed crowds in Queensland's flood-devastated southeast on Sunday as Prime Minister Julia Gillard reiterated her belief that the country should become a republic.

Thousands turned up to glimpse the prince as he visited the northern Queensland towns of Cardwell and Tully on Saturday, and the admirers were out on force again on Sunday.

Queensland has been hit by a series of natural disasters this year, with massive floods covering an area bigger than France and Germany combined, which swamped the state capital Brisbane. The dramatic flash floods in January swept away entire homes, killing more than 30 people, and within days Queensland was facing another disaster in Cyclone Yasi, which smashed the state with ferocious winds and lashing rains.

On Sunday, William visited the West Moreton Anglican College in Ipswich, where he was greeted by hundreds of squealing students.

The personable prince, dressed casually in an open-necked shirt with his sleeves rolled up, mouthed "hello" as he stepped out of his car and greeted as many people as possible.

Accompanied by Queensland premier Anna Bligh, he had morning tea before travelling to Grantham one of the communities worst affected by the floods and then to Toowoomba for a country music concert.

The prince, who marries his fiancée Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey on April 29, was to end a busy day in Brisbane at a 500 dollars a head fundraiser for disaster victims.

"He's been putting smiles on people's faces, he's really been reaching out to people," Ipswich mayor Paul Pisasale told reporters. Among the onlookers was Beth Clark, who saw the Queen in 1954.

"We also got married the same time as the Queen, my husband and I, in November 1947," she said.

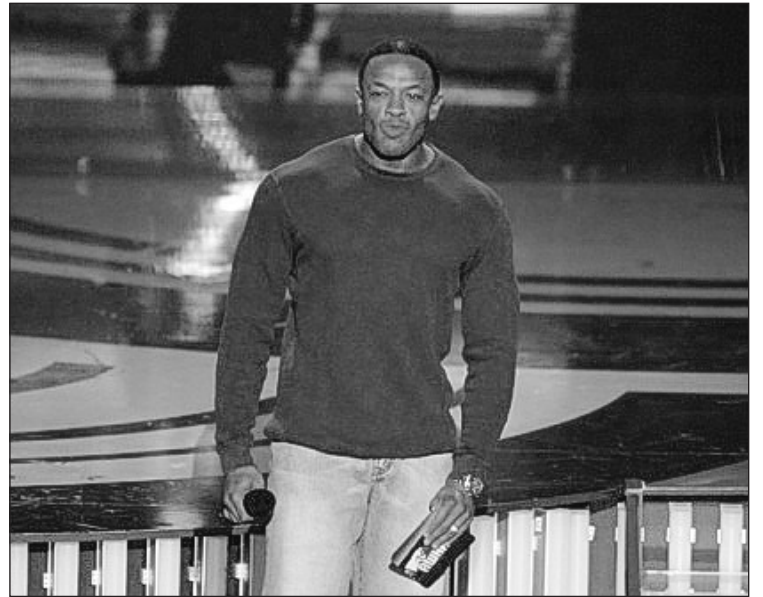
Kate Woolf drove for 40 minutes to see the prince.

"I'm here to see the prince because he's gorgeous and because it's probably the only time he'll ever come to Ipswich," she said. While William's visit has been a public relations success, the Welsh-born Gillard believes Australia, a former British colony, should become a republic. □

## Mich. Supreme Court sides with rapper Dr. Dre

**DETROIT** – Detroit officials who were backstage at a concert featuring hip-hop stars Dr. Dre and Eminem had no right to privacy when they confronted organizers in a video-taped exchange that turned up in a DVD, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in a decision released Saturday.

The ruling dismisses a lawsuit against Dr. Dre, whose real name is Andre Young, that was filed by City Councilman Gary Brown and other Detroit officials after the 2000 show. Brown was a high-ranking police official at the time, and warned concert organizers that power would be turned off if they showed a sexually explicit video at the Joe Louis Arena. The conversation was taped and later used in behind-the-scenes tracks on a popular DVD highlighting the "Up



Dr. Dre

in Smoke" national concert tour that also featured rappers Snoop Dogg and Ice Cube. Brown had argued that his privacy was violated by the video, but Dr. Dre's lawyer Herschel Fink said there was no privacy when police were

doing their job. Fink said Saturday that the court's decision was more narrow than he expected, with the ruling dealing only with the event instead of broader privacy issues, but "as I said in an e-mail to Dre, 'We'll take it.'" □



Kate's see trough dress.

## Kate's See-Through Dress Fetches \$125,000 at Auction

Hartley Engel AP

A see-through dress modeled by future princess Kate Middleton at a 2002 student fashion show sold for an eye-popping \$125,000 at an auction in London Thursday. According to CNN, the black and gold silk mini dress went to a private buyer whose agent would only identify him as "Nick from Jersey." (Jersey is an island in the English Channel located between England and France.) □

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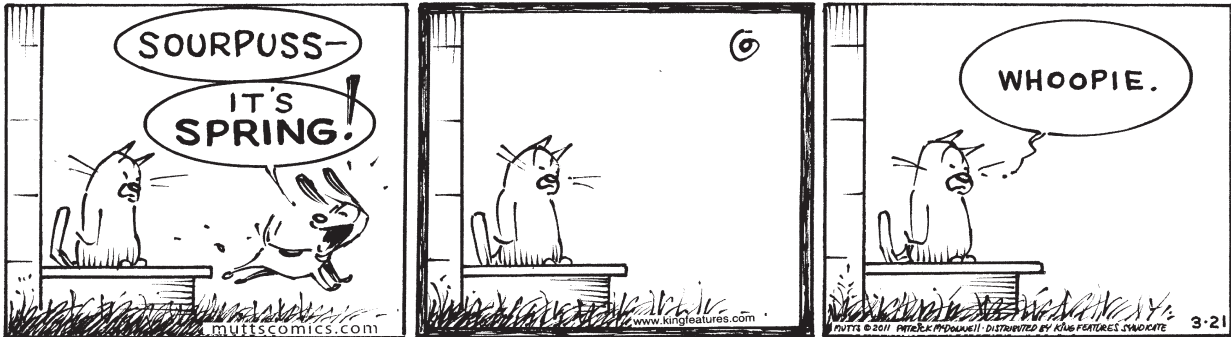
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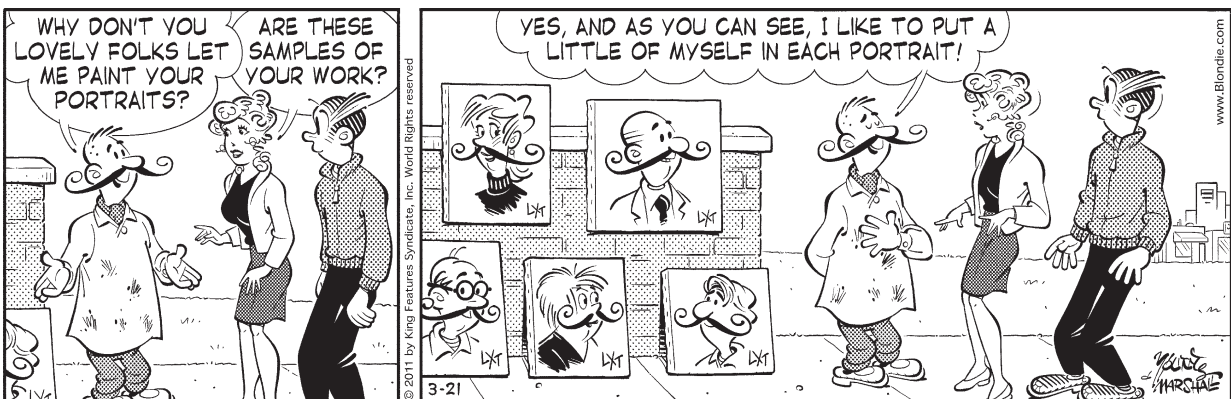
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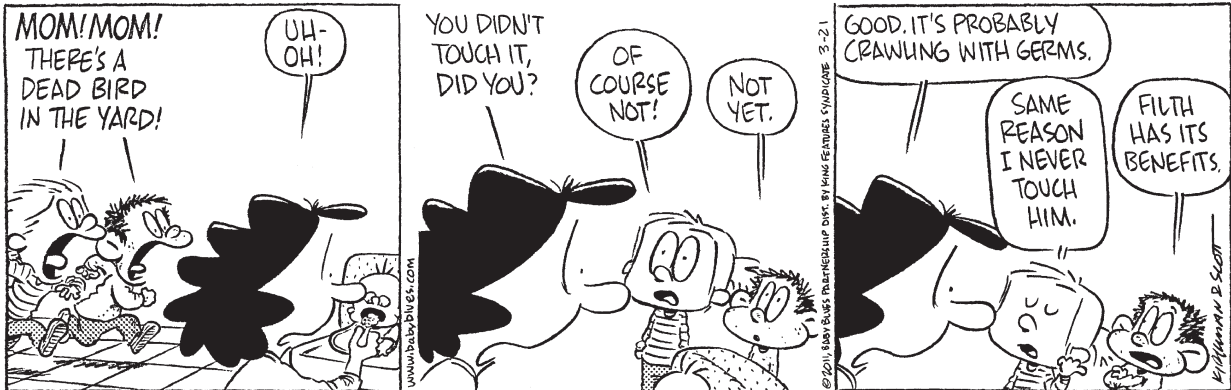
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**Conceptis Sudoku**

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

5	4	2	3	7	6	9	1	8
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7	3	4	9	1	5	6	8	2
8	9	1	2	6	3	4	7	5

**ACROSS**

- Tennis pro
- Chris \_\_\_
- Keep \_\_\_ on; watch closely
- Applaud
- Serpent
- Follow orders
- Invisible emanation
- Chosen few
- Cubs or Angels
- \_\_\_ up; support
- Took back, as one's words
- Black-and-blue mark
- Article
- Large rock
- Singer Frankie
- \_\_\_ of the ball; pretty woman
- Curved bone
- Approaches
- Piano piece
- Merge; blend
- Engagement
- Remain
- Use a broom
- "He is \_\_\_"; Easter phrase
- Frothy drink
- Like the flu or chicken pox
- Wealth
- "Nonsense!"
- Flying insect
- Diminishes
- Bic tip
- Drill a hole
- "Hey! What's the big \_\_\_?"
- Magazine edition
- Border
- Sword fight
- Prison rooms
- Marvin and iacocca
- Long geologic periods
- Genuflected

**DOWN**

- "Did it \_\_\_ occur to you that..."
- Contemptible
- Heroic tale

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**Saturday's Puzzle Solved**

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- Ardent followers
- Long-legged bird
- Evergreen tree
- Split hairs
- Dwell
- Was \_\_\_; got selected
- Biblical tower
- Home
- Big
- Lunch & dinner
- Hammer part
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- \_\_\_ and void
- Examination
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# Sacerdotes mayas salvadoreños oran por Obama

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)** Para el consejo salvadoreño de sacerdotes mayas la visita del presidente estadounidense Barack Obama a El Salvador no es casualidad y en su ceremonia anual pidieron a sus ancestros “iluminar sus decisiones”.

“Las oraciones son para que las decisiones que se tomen, especialmente las del presidente Obama, sean decisiones sabias, con sentido espiritual, respeto y armonía para toda la humanidad”, dijo ante una multitud el coordinador del consejo, Ernesto Campos. En el cierre de su visita de dos días, Obama recorrerá el miércoles este sitio maya prehispánico cuya larga ocupación comenzó alrededor del año 900 antes de Cristo. Está ubicado a 32 kilómetros al oeste de la capital, en el departamento central de La Libertad.

Obama llegará el martes al país en el marco de una gira por América Latina, que incluye Brasil y Chile. Para el sacerdote Campos, la visita de Obama a El Salvador no es casualidad y ocurrirá en momentos de la ceremonia maya del equinoccio de primavera, que es cuando “desciende la energía del sol central de la gal-

axia y baja a la madre tierra”. “El presidente Obama viene en un tiempo del equinoccio y esa es muy buena señal de cómo un presidente que tiene tanto poder de decisión a nivel mundial viene a estas tierras”, señaló el sacerdote frente a la pirámide central del sitio arqueológico.

Destacó que la visita a “un templo maya, un altar maya nos llena de mucha satisfacción y pedimos bendiciones para él, porque está honrando el conocimiento de nuestros ancestros”, agregó Campos en medio del humo de incienso mientras una multitud de rodillas y vestida de blanco elevaba sus manos al cielo. Obama recorrerá el sitio arqueológico, el cual cuenta con un museo y cuatro pirámides, poco después de visitar la tumba del arzobispo Oscar Arnulfo Romero, asesinado en 1980 por escuadrones de la muerte de El Salvador.

“Se trata de un reconocimiento que está haciendo el gobierno de Estados Unidos por su presidente, que viene al país y ha querido rendir un homenaje a monseñor Romero, considerándolo uno de los héroes de nuestro continente”, dijo el domingo el arzobispo de la capital, monseñor José Luis



Un grupo de personas participa en una ceremonia al estilo maya en ocasión del equinoccio de primavera en el centro ceremonial de Tec-Pan en San Andrés, El Salvador, el domingo 20 de marzo del 2011. El presidente estadounidense Barack Obama visitará El Salvador el 22 y el 23 de marzo, incluyendo este sitio arqueológico. (AP foto/Luis Romero)

Alas, en rueda de prensa. Alas comparó a Romero con el asesinado líder de la lucha por los derechos civiles en Estados Unidos, Martin Luther King. “En algún sentido es comparable. Precisamente en el sentido heroico... ambos son cristianos y vemos en forma común estos valores por los que lucharon, por los que dieron su vida”. Agregó que la visita de Obama a la cripta del fallecido arzobispo “es un acontecimiento de carácter mundial que beneficia la imagen de monseñor

Romero”, cuyo proceso de beatificación es estudiado por el Vaticano desde mediados de la década de 1990. Obama, que se reunirá por segunda ocasión con el presidente salvadoreño Mauricio Funes después que se entrevistaran en la Casa Blanca en marzo del 2010, analizará en El Salvador los temas de migración, seguridad, comercio,

energía renovable y lucha contra la pobreza. Algunas organizaciones sociales denominaron el martes como “Día del Anti-imperialismo”, una jornada que estará marcada por las protestas y una concentración en la plaza Salvador del Mundo, a menos de un kilómetro de la casa presidencial donde estarán reunidos Obama y Funes. □

## Obama visita favela en Brasil

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brasil (AP)**- El presidente estadounidense Barack Obama no sólo acudió el domingo a los famosos sitios turísticos de Río de Janeiro, sino que también visitó una notoria favela hasta hace poco controlada por un cártel del narcotráfico. Los habitantes llenaron aceras, tejados y balcones para saludar a la flamante limusina negra de Obama cuando pasaba por las estrechas calles. El lujoso vehículo contrastó con la pobreza en Cidade de Deus (Ciudad de Dios), famosa por una película del mismo nombre.

En un centro comunitario, el presidente se quitó el saco y la corbata, se enrolló las mangas e hizo algunas suertes con una pelota de fútbol junto con un niño, que estaba feliz. Michelle Obama y sus hijas Sasha y Malia también patearon un balón con otros niños. Luego Obama salió a la calle y saludó a una multitud de residentes que lo vitoreaban. Decenas de niños pequeños se agolpaban contra una cadena que les impedía el paso,



El presidente estadounidense Barack Obama sonríe durante su visita a la favela Cidade de Deus (Ciudad de Dios), en Río de Janeiro, Brasil, el domingo 20 de marzo del 2011. Al fondo, una imagen de la estatua de Cristo Redentor. (AP foto/Fabio Pozzebom, Pool)

intentando obtener un vistazo del mandatario, mientras varios guardias permanecían apostados en los tejados de metal de las humildes viviendas. □

### Encuestas:

## Ecuatorianos enterados sobre consulta popular

**QUITO, Ecuador (AP)** - Entre el 84% y el 95% de los ecuatorianos están informados de una consulta popular en la que el gobierno planteará una reestructuración de la función judicial, entre otros temas, indicaron el domingo sondeos de opinión. “Un 84% de la población dice conocer la convocatoria a la consulta popular” del 7 de mayo, afirmó Angel Polibio Córdova, director de la firma Cedatos Gallup, según un reporte de la agencia estatal de noticias Andes.

El sondeo se realizó durante la última semana de febrero, pero no se dieron detalles sobre su metodología. Por otro lado, Santiago Pérez, director de la empresa de sondeos Opinión Pública Ecuador —identificada como afín al gobierno—, señaló que el 95% de unas 1.720 personas encuestadas entre el 4 y 5 de marzo está “enterado sobre la realización del referendo”.

Las preguntas número uno y dos de un total de diez, que tienen relación con el cambio de las cortes de justicia en el país, tendrían un apoyo del 60% de los consultados, según este estudio. Córdova, por su parte, aclaró que su sondeo consultó a la ciudadanía sobre si está o no de acuerdo con una intervención del gobierno en la reestructuración judicial, ante lo cual un 56% apoyó la medida. Ambos representantes de las encuestadoras coincidieron en la necesidad de informar más a la ciudadanía sobre el contenido de la preguntas. □



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